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## Submission to the Review of State Electoral Boundaries 2019

In considering the submissions posted on the website of the Electoral Boundaries 2019, I wish to make the following points.

I have an objection to the submissions from both the Labor Party and the Liberal Party.

The WA Liberal Party has suggested that the Shire of Collie be added to the district of Roe raising its numbers to 33 369 which is well outside the general rule stipulated by the Commission in accordance with the Electoral Act 1907. To reduce the numbers of the ADE, they propose that the Shires of Cuballing, Narrogin, Wickepin and Williams be ceded to the district of Central Wheatbelt. The Liberal Party submission misquotes numbers and says that 4 436 electors will be affected, however according to the numbers of electors provided by the Commission, the actual number is 4 936.

The WA Labor Party suggests moving the Shire of Jerramungup from the Albany district and incorporating the Shire into the district of Roe. This will increase the ADE for Roe to 28 544 with a VFAD of +3.53% While this movement would have little effect on the numbers, Labor suggests moving Plantagenet from the district of Warren-Blackwood as well, increasing the ADE to 32 122 electors. This number is well out of the range acceptable to the rules under the Act.

The Liberal Party proposes to shift the district of Collie into Roe while re-distributing the Shires of Cuballing, Narrogin, Williams and Wickepin out. I vigorously object to this suggestion. Under the factors to be taken into account in the review of the boundaries and specifically the following points I consider this proposal to be unrealistic.

### 1. Communities of Interest:

- a. Collie represents a diverse community primarily focussed on the mining and industrial sectors. Most of the movement of this sector is towards the port and City of Bunbury. Roe is primarily agricultural and while Collie does have some agriculture, it is based on dairy farmers which is more attuned to the western divisions of the State.
- b. Based on this factor, the Shires of Cuballing, Narrogin, Williams and Wickepin are a mixture of broadacre and grazing farming methods as is the rest of the Roe district.

2. Land use patterns:
  - a. Collie again is primarily mining and industrial, a considerable difference in land use when compared with the district of Roe. Roe is mostly broadacre farming with a considerably different sector focus than Collie.
3. Means of communication, means of travel and distance from Perth:
  - a. Increasing the overall size of Roe would span the area from close to the west coast to just west of the Nullabor resulting in a reduction in electorate service. With the two offices in Narrogin and Esperance, the service to Collie would be considerably more difficult to manage.

Moving Narrogin out of Roe would also mean I would lose my office in Narrogin which supports the northern part of the district from Cranbrook in the south, Lake Grace in the east and West Arthur and Williams in the West. From previous plans to originally shift the office to Katanning, I am aware that the cost of re-fitting an office is well above the \$200 000 mark. By not shifting the office from Narrogin, this would save the current government and the taxpayers of WA, a considerable amount of money.

In terms of re-distribution, I am supportive of minimal change. The only change to Roe which I support and it is by no means an easy decision for me, is to move the Shires of Kulin and Wickiepin from the district of Roe to the district of Central Wheatbelt in line with the Nationals WA original submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the submissions.

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