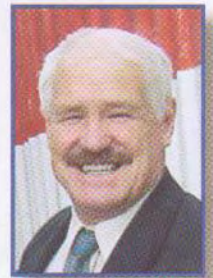




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Dear Commissioners

RE: 2011 Electoral Redistribution

Having read the submissions provided to the WAEC regarding the 2011 Electoral Redistribution, I wish to make comment as the current sitting member for Collie-Preston.

Since gaining the seat in 2001, the electorate of Collie-Preston has previously had two redistributions, in 2003 and 2007 and a proposed major change to electoral boundaries for a third time is not necessary.

Over time a strong network of business, social and community relationships are built up in an electorate and as I have experienced after previous boundary changes, it is detrimental for all concerned when those networks are broken.

In particular, local government, sporting groups, schools and community groups work hard to establish a sound working relationship with their state government representative in parliament and changes to electorate boundaries means that the constituency are more often than not abandoned if they are removed from the existing electorate.

I understand that enrolment quotas require some movement of boundaries in Collie-Preston but ask that the WA Electoral Commissioners leave Collie-Preston boundaries changes as minimal as possible to limit disruptions to the electorate as it stands now.

Yours sincerely

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