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Dear Commissioners

It was pleasing to see that the WAEC has given the public the opportunity to comment on the distribution of electoral districts.

I am in the Collie-Preston electorate and whilst I am not sure what constitutes a solid reason for asking that consideration be given to not changing the current boundary, I would like to put my rationale forward.

I have been involved in the sporting fraternity for many years now and whilst I am not aligned to one particular sporting body, I have a strong association with various sporting bodies.

At a recent event a discussion arose about the distribution of the Collie-Preston Electoral Boundary and concerns were raised within the group. This is why I have decided to write to let you, (the Commissioners), know about the views of this in the sporting arena.

People of the South West regard community facilities to be important, complementing the process of economic development and helping to attract workers to the region. And this is also true in the sporting arena.

In the electorate of Collie-Preston there is a full range of sporting activities that combine with other towns such as Bunbury, Donnybrook, Harvey, Eaton, and these and other surrounding towns participate in South West leagues and associations. All the football teams participate in the South West Football League, the same with netball and Hockey. Many of these sporting groups collaborate to roster their seasons so as to avoid clashing with other sports.

Excellent sport and recreation facilities have been built throughout the region. There are indoor aquatic centres in Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River and Donnybrook, with Australind and Collie planning similar developments. Indoor multi-purpose community recreation centres are also located in most towns within the region.

Given the infrastructure and the relationship between the sporting bodies within the electorate we do not see the need to have the Collie Shire moved into the electorate of Wagin.

Yours sincerely



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