

Western Australian Electoral Commission  
Electoral Redistribution  
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Dear Sir

I would like to have my comments noted regarding the redistribution of the Collie-Preston Electoral Boundary.

We have had three consecutive changes of boundaries and feel our electorate boundary should be not be adjusted again.

In 1994, it was the electorate of Collie. Then it changed to Collie-Wellington in 2003 and in 2007 it changed again to Collie-Preston.

Changing electoral boundaries causes 'confusion' to the community; many people are struggling to keep up with what Federal and State electoral boundary they live in, without adding to the confusion of changing them yet again.

Another factor that should be considered is the close proximity of Bunbury and Collie to each other and the integration of many services. One of them is the education system where the students that wish to go on to further their education are accommodated in Bunbury.

Health is another service that co-exists between the two towns. The South West Area Health Service encompasses the towns as does the Mental Health Service. Counsellors travel between Bunbury and Collie and when there are hospital bed shortages we accommodate each other and Bunbury medicos come to Collie to provide services.

I am not suggesting changing a boundary line will have an effect on this activity but it will certainly effect the perception the people have on how they would be represented from Wagin.

The electorate boundaries that are currently in place are satisfactory and so is the representation we receive from the officiating bodies.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Yours truly



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