



North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils  
Koorda | Mt Marshall | Mukinbudin | Nungarin | Trayning | Wyalkatchem

WAEC

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ATTN: Office of the Electoral Distribution Commission

**RE: Electoral Boundaries**

The North Eastern Wheatbelt Organisation of Councils is a voluntary organisation of Councils. It includes the Shires of Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Koorda, Mt Marshall and Wyalkatchem.

The six member Councils disagree with the proposed amendments to the electoral boundaries in WA for the following reasons:

- The effectiveness of one individual to serve a large geographic area will diminish
- Regional Western Australia contributes substantially to the economy of Western Australia, yet our voice continues to be drowned out by the metropolitan area.
- In addition some of the current seats are well aligned to the unique characteristics and challenges faced in rural WA, with natural, social and economic synergies. The group fears these will be lost
- The focus on regional education, health, infrastructure and the economy will diminish if a regional seat is lost
- Consideration should be given to adding a metropolitan seat without adjusting any regional boundaries – why does the region have to lose a seat to add a seat
- The Commissioners are assuming the population of the regions will decrease, when there is a clear focus by a number of key stakeholders to assist the regional population grow

If you would like to discuss any of the above points in further detail please liaise with our Executive Officer, Caroline Robinson PH 9880 8035 or E [caroline@solum.net.au](mailto:caroline@solum.net.au)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a response.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair – NEWROC