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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Commissioners
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
GPO Box F316
PERTH WA 6841

Dear Sirs,

The Kalgoorlie Miner is the only regional daily newspaper in Western Australia and has served the Goldfields since 1895.

We object to the commissioners' proposed name for the new Kalgoorlie-based seat of Goldfields and ask that the name of Kalgoorlie be retained.

The name Kalgoorlie has historical significance. It is important for the town's prestige and status to have an electorate in State Parliament. The town of Kalgoorlie is also the major population centre in the proposed electorate.

The name Goldfields does not accurately reflect the new boundaries. Boulder, Coolgardie, Kambalda and Norseman are part of the Goldfields, but under the proposed boundaries will be in the electorate of Eyre.

In relation to Eyre, the Kalgoorlie Miner supports the proposed boundaries. Our newspaper circulates predominantly in the two proposed electorates of Eyre and Goldfields, and is the highest circulating daily newspaper in those areas. We recognise the economic synergy, historical links and community of interest between Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Esperance.

Yours sincerely,



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Editor

