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ENQ: Dean Freeman

Electoral Commissioner
Officer of the
Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Sir,

New Western Australian Electoral Boundaries

Thank you for considering our earlier submission to the redistribution process.

This office is supportive of the draft electoral boundaries proposed by the Commissioners insofar as the Shire of Capel is concerned. However it is the belief of this office that the proposed name of Collie – Preston is not appropriate.

This belief is based on the following proportions of population taken from the Commission's own data:

Capel	44%
Collie – Wellington	34%
Leschenault	22%

Statistically, you will see that the new proposed name of Collie – Preston aligns itself with only 1/3 of the electorate.

While Capel and Collie are distinct geographical locations, names such as Wellington and Leschenault are regional descriptors which are not part of the every day language of our communities.

It is our submission that the new electorate should either reflect the geographic locations of all of the major centres of electors, possibly Capel – Collie, or be named after a community feature that is common to all of the electorate.

In this regard, the name of Preston, after the Preston River, which flows through the Shires of Capel, Collie and Dardanup, would be a neutral but geographically identifiable alternative.



I would like to thank the Commissioners for the opportunity of making this submission.

Yours sincerely,


P F Sheedy
Chief Executive Officer.

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