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Electoral Commissioners
Western Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box F316
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Dear Sirs

RE: NEW STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES – SOUTH WEST REGION

The Shire of Dardanup Council at the meeting of the 12th July 2007 has taken the opportunity to comment on the proposed new electoral boundaries for the state of Western Australia to apply from October 2009.

Council resolved to acknowledge the changes and voice an objection to the changes as they clearly disenfranchise country people. Acknowledgement of the proposal should not be interpreted as acceptance, this is far from accurate. The Shire of Dardanup has continually voiced strong objection to the philosophy of the one vote one value policy position adopted by the state government and see the new boundaries as a means to ignore the people that live in country areas.

Lack of representation at the state level will leave rural people vulnerable in terms of maintenance of existing services and the development of new infrastructure into the future. The responsibility of government to provide for all people will potentially be lost due to the redistribution of the voter base, this is unacceptable to country people and should be considered in the weighting for the criteria used to establish the new boundaries.

On behalf of Council I hope the commissioners will acknowledge these concerns and review the criteria to develop a fairer system for all.

Yours sincerely

MR MARK L CHESTER
Chief Executive Officer