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Secretary to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners

Thank you for your letter in response to my submission to you with regard to the redistribution of State electoral boundaries and specifically the seat of Collie Preston and the town of Collie.

While I understand the explanation you provided, I respectfully object to the determinations you have made.

As I stated in my submission, Collie has proven a difficult area to place within both Federal and State electoral boundaries over the years and unfortunately I believe that the current proposal will only see this situation continue with you having to return to address this very issue in future years, potentially causing undesirable ramifications to constituents as there would be very little certainty as to where Collie would fit into the electoral boundaries as the years progressed.

I would like to put it more eloquently, but the best I can come up with is that in the present proposals, Collie sticks out like a sore thumb! It is even more apparent to me now, as it was in my original submission, that Collie should form part of the present seat of Wagin.

The explanation given to me by the Commissioners that Collie will remain in the Collie Preston electorate because of changes to neighbouring electorates is also an explanation that I respectfully object to. I feel that it is more than merited that the issue of Collie be addressed now, and not be delayed because of changes to neighbouring electorates. To my mind it seems like the commissioners have gone out of their way not to address the one issue in the South West that was most needing to be addressed.

For the reasons listed above I object to the current proposals and respectfully request that the commissioners consider my objection.

Sincerely



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