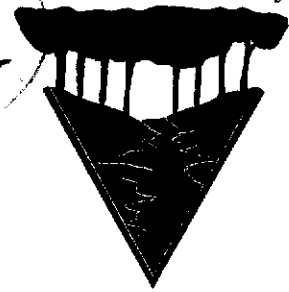


SHIRE OF COLLIE

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Collie River Valley



Lyn Auld
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Dear Ms Auld

RE : WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Thank you for your 17th December 2002 correspondence advising that the WA Electoral Distribution Commissioners are undertaking a review of State electoral boundaries. Your correspondence has now been fully considered by the Council which offers the following comments.

1. NAME OF THE ELECTORATE

The name "Collie" has been used as a State Electoral District for a very long period of time (perhaps even since the commencement of electoral districts) and the Collie Shire Council is extremely keen to see the name continue in the future. The name "Collie" quite clearly signifies a distinct district and the Council would not like to see this link with tradition lost.

2. COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

Collie has more of an affinity (community of interest) with towns and districts to the west of our town. Collie in turn is frequented by people to the east of our town but rarely do Collie people themselves have cause to look eastwards for services, commercial or otherwise; our community of interest therefore focuses towards Bunbury and the coastal strip. We share a commonality of interest through mining and its associated service industries. Collie is not an agricultural area and therefore we share an even less community of interest with those districts to our east.

It is the Council's contention that should adjustments to the Collie Electorate be necessary, such adjustments should be drawn from the direction in which we share a community of interest, that being from the coastal strip to the west of Collie.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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