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Dear Sir

Re: New Western Australian Electoral Boundaries

I refer to your letter dated 30 March 2007 inviting the Council to make a written submission concerning the new boundaries.

The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup is currently situated in the Capel electorate, and generally that has been acceptable in the past.

The Council believes the following factors are relevant to the proposed new boundaries.

1. The whole of the Shire should be located within the same electorate is a prime factor.
2. The Shire has shared community of interest with the areas to the north and west of the Shire, and in particular the rural areas of the Shires of Dardanup and Capel, and to a lesser extent the neighbouring rural areas of the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Boyup Brook.
3. The current extreme western boundary of the Capel electorate adjoining the Indian Ocean coastline is isolated from the more common areas of community interest accepted by the Shire.
4. The Shire has limited community of interest with the Shire of Collie.
5. The name of the new electorate to include reference to Donnybrook, Preston or a relevant Aboriginal name for the district.

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The limited time available has not enabled a detailed analysis or submission to be prepared and the Council may make a further submission once the proposed boundaries are published in late June.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Martin', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Gary Martin
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2 May 2007

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