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Secretary to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners

I write today to submit to you my opinions with regard to the redistribution of electoral boundaries in advance of the next State Election.

The specific nature of my submission has to do with the current seat of Collie Preston and the township of Collie, an area which has often been of interest and provided difficulty to those responsible for redistributions in both the federal & state political sphere.

In order to address the long-term difficulty of where to place Collie within our State Electoral Boundaries, I believe that you should consider the following

- The entire local government area of Collie should be absorbed by the seat of Wagin.
- The seat of Collie Preston be reformed as the the seat of Preston River

The above actions would, I believe, both bolster the number of electors in the Wagin electorate, an electorate that is set to see a reduction in population in future years, whilst at the same time leaving the new seat of Preston River a similar size to that of the seat of Bunbury and allowing for the projected growth in population for the region the seat would encompass.

However, in addition to the total number of electors in each electorate and the likelihood of future population change, I believe that the local government area of Collie is actually better suited to being absorbed into the seat of Wagin.

At the present the seat of Wagin takes in the area of Boddington which hosts a sizeable mining and industrial presence and that also shares a boundary with the local government area of Collie. The mainstay of Collie is also the presence of large mining and industrial activities and therefore including both local government areas into the single state electorate would I believe make more sense by ensuring that those regions that have similar activities have representation that is not artificially diluted by dividing the two into separate state electorates.

I do hope you will consider my opinions in your deliberations.

Sincerely

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