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Dear Commissioners

As the Member for the electoral division of Warren-Blackwood I welcome the opportunity to comment on suggestions for the 2015 review of the State's electoral boundaries. My comments centre on the notions of inclusion of the Shire of Denmark within the Wagin (renamed Stirling or Roe) electoral district, as suggested by Dr Mark Mulcair, and inclusion of the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup within a "Preston" electorate as suggested by the Liberal Party of WA.

The economy and the land use patterns of the Wagin district as it currently exists, are dominated by broad acre farming and the production of wheat, other cereal crops and wool. In the main, the communities within the Wagin district are centred around those economic and land use factors. In contrast, the economy and the land use patterns within the coastal Shire of Denmark are centred on tourism, viticulture and intensive agriculture, linking this Shire firmly with those within its current electorate of Warren-Blackwood. Almost 75 per cent of the Shire of Denmark is comprised of forest, which is the dominant and distinguishing feature of the South West and of the Warren-Blackwood electorate in particular.

In common with the remainder of the Warren-Blackwood electorate, the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup is focussed on horticulture, agriculture, viticulture, aquaculture, forestry and tourism. The suggestion by the Liberal Party of WA that Donnybrook-Balingup be absorbed into a "Preston" electorate along with the entire Shires of Capel and Dardanup would see it linked with the suburban fringes of Bunbury. With Donnybrook-Balingup's well-defined rural and tourism focus it would not be appropriate on community of interest or land use bases for Donnybrook-Balingup to be merged with the suburban and peri-urban areas of the Greater Bunbury Region.

The residents of the Shire of Denmark found themselves in the perplexing situation of being in the electoral district of Stirling at the 2005 election, the electoral district of Blackwood-Stirling at the 2008 election and the electoral district of Warren-Blackwood at the 2013 election. Similarly, the residents of the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup were situated in the Collie-Preston electorate in 2008 and the Warren-Blackwood electorate in 2013.



The task of balancing the average district enrolment requirement with the other matters to which the Commissioners must give consideration, is clearly a difficult and complex one. However, given the significant boundary changes in this electoral division over the past ten years, it is hoped that there will be scope for this review to result in the most minimal of adjustments for Warren-Blackwood and the strongly linked communities within it.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Yours sincerely

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