



SHIRE OF KOORDA

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Electoral Distribution Commissioners
GPO Box F316
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Review of State Electoral Boundaries

The Shire of Koorda would like to lodge a submission in relation to the 2015 review of Electoral Boundaries by the WA Electoral Commission.

The Shire of Koorda is currently in the Central Wheatbelt District and according to the proposed changes, will become part of the Moore District.

The Shire of Koorda would like to object to this proposed change for several reasons. These are:

- 1) The Shire of Koorda has more affinity with the eastern neighbours which will be in the Central Wheatbelt District. This is shown by the Shire of Koorda being involved with the following regional organisations:
 - a) The North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC) which involves the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem.
 - b) The Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA involving the Shires of Bruce Rock, Dowerin, Kellerberrin, Kondinin, Koorda, Merredin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Narembeen, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.
 - c) Wheatbelt North Sub Regional Road Group (WBNSRRG) involving the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.
 - d) Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) involving the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mukinbudin, Mt Marshall, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.
- 2) In the Wheatbelt Blueprint released by the Wheatbelt Development Commission in 2014, it was noted that the Shire of Koorda had a closer link its eastern neighbours. As such, the Shire of Koorda was listed in the Central East Sub-Regional Economic Strategy which lists other Shires in the Central Wheatbelt District.
- 3) The Moore District includes a substantial coastal area and Shires with coast towns. The town of Koorda is more than 200kms from the coast, so

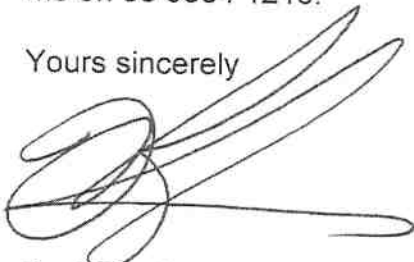
the issues facing this district are not similar in any way to the coastal plains.

- 4) The current member for the District of Moore has an office in Dongara, which is in excess of 350kms from Koorda making it difficult for locals to travel and see the member and also for the member to visit the district. The member for Central Wheatbelt is based in Northam, which is only approximately 150kms and in a direct more likely to be travels by locals of the area.

From the information provided, it is shown that the Shire of Koorda has more in common with the Central Wheatbelt district than the Moore district. Being that we are a community of only 500 residents we do not believe that we will be adequately serviced by the Moore District due to our distance and small population and request consideration to remain in the Central Wheatbelt District.

If you require any further information in relation to the matter, please contact me on 08 9684 1219.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Burton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer