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Electoral Boundaries WA  
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### Proposed Electoral Boundaries 2015

Dear Sir / Madam

The Shire of Dundas at its Ordinary meeting held in August 2015 considered the proposed electoral boundary changes and resolved the following:

**“That the Council of the Shire of Dundas write to the Electoral Commission advising that they strongly object to the 2015 proposed changes to the electoral boundaries and the abolishment of the electoral district of Eyre.”**

In making its decision the Council considered that the proposed changes do not adequately take into consideration the issues outlined below:

- Community of interest - The proposal will separate the Northern Goldfields Shires of Laverton, Leonora, Wiluna and Ngaanyatjarraku, from the Goldfields-Esperance region and put them into the North West Central electorate which includes the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon and Shark Bay, whose industries and land uses are very different to that of the goldfields region.
- Land use patterns - The Goldfields-Esperance region's main industry is primarily mining and should therefore remain under the Mining and Pastoral region. Under the proposed boundaries document, the Goldfields-Esperance region will be separated into two land use regions, Mining and Pastoral and the Agricultural region.
- Means of Communication - travel and distance from the capital - From a geographical perspective, Kalgoorlie is the central point for the Goldfields-Esperance region. The abolishment of the Eyre electorate will mean the Northern Goldfields shires will be placed in a geographically larger electorate which could hinder communication and representation currently received by the northern Goldfields.

- Physical features - The Goldfields-Esperance region has similar physical features such as being within the Great Western Woodlands and located in a harsh and arid environment.
- Existing local government boundaries - Although the current electorate boundaries separate the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder into the District of Kalgoorlie and the District of Eyre, the current electorate boundaries incorporate the whole Goldfields-Esperance region into the two electorates. Under the proposed changes, the removal of the Eyre electorate will force the Goldfields-Esperance region into three very different electoral districts, Kalgoorlie, North West Central and Wagin. The current electoral boundaries encourage the Goldfields-Esperance Shires to maintain the strong ties with one another gained through the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.
- The trend of demographic changes – the main industry of the Goldfields-Esperance is mining and the demographics are similar throughout the region.

Should you have any further enquiries relating to the above or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Shire office on 9039 1205.

Yours Sincerely



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