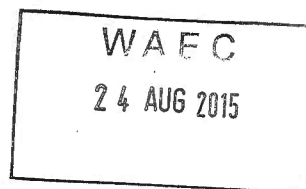


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To whom it may concern,

I wish to comment on the proposed boundary changes to the electorate of Eyre made by the Commissioner for the 2017 State Elections.

The decision to abolish the seat of Eyre is a terrible decision, lacking common sense and consideration for the constituents in the area.

First, regional WA has lost a representative in State Parliament.

Changing the boundaries, now makes the remaining seats massive areas of land and will make it very difficult to provide proper representation to the constituents of the regions.

I live in the Shire of Esperance and with the proposed changes to put Esperance in the seat of Wagin makes no sense to me. Esperance and the region have no connection with Wagin or the wheatbelt, in any way. Residents west of Ravensthorpe don't come to Esperance to holiday, shop or do business, and vice versa. There is no economic or agriculture connection.

Agriculture in the Esperance region is very different to the Wheatbelt region. Grain from the Wheatbelt Region doesn't get exported from Esperance Port, so there is no connection in that area either.

I believe that the regions are too different and that representation will be difficult to come by, no matter who is elected.

I also disagree with the proposal to split the Shire of Esperance, with the eastern part of the Shire going into the seat of Kalgoorlie. This makes no sense and will be an unnecessary hardship on Shire representatives having to work with 2 elected members in parliament. I believe it would be better and more beneficial to keep the Shire under one seat.

I suggest that the seat of Eyre shouldn't be abolished as it gives good representation for the people in this remote region.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christiane Smith".

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