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Mr Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Sir,

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Reference is made to your correspondence of March 30th 2007, regarding the proposed changes to the State Electoral boundaries to accommodate the "one vote, one value" principles.

In making the necessary changes to accommodate some 21,000 electors it is considered that the criteria that the Commission is required to adhere to is best served if the boundaries of the existing Murray electorate are moved both northerly and southerly to include the number of electors required.

The existing boundary takes in part of the City of Mandurah, no doubt to make up the numbers required under the old system. However, it is considered that a greater "community of interest" exists with the population to the north and south rather than the City of Mandurah as the areas north and south are still essentially rural based and contain smaller communities.

It would seem that the previous boundary of the old "Murray-Wellington" electorate would be more appropriate to accommodate the new requirements.

In short, the Shire believes that the electorate in which it is located should be "rural" focussed rather than part rural and part urban as it is now, and this is best achieved by including parts of the Shires of Waroona, Harvey and Serpentine-Jarrahdale and excluding parts of the City of Mandurah.

I trust our comments will be taken into account.

Yours faithfully,


Neil G Leach
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER