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Hello,

Please see attached letter from The Shire of Dandaragan regarding Electoral Boundary Changes.

Thanks,

Kind Regards,



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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed electoral boundary changes. The Shire of Dandaragan is strongly opposed to the proposed changes which see the loss of a regional seat via the merging of the seat of Moore with areas of North West Central. While the Shire acknowledges the legislative parameters of the Commission's role, the proposed outcome ignores the representation needs of the regions where a substantial portion of the State's wealth is generated and a significant portion of economic, infrastructure, social and health needs continue to go unmet and disregarded by a metropolitan centric decision-making system.

Despite the outlined population trends which continue to see the metropolitan area grow, the Commission should acknowledge the distinct similarity in the Section 16I factors across the metropolitan area.

- community of interest;
- land use patterns;
- means of communication, means of travel and distance from the capital;
- physical features;
- existing boundaries of districts;
- existing local government boundaries; and
- the trend of demographic changes.

In all of the above factors, the continued deletion of seats from the regions in favour of the Perth metropolitan area serves no betterment for the State of Western Australia and will only support the establishment of a homogenous voice in State Government which flies in the face of democratic and representative decision making.

The State of Western Australia needs citizens living in the regions to continue to drive the economic pillars of mining and agriculture, the continued erosion of representation in the State Government is not the way to achieve this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lesley Holmes".

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