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The Shire of Yalgoo is seeking support from the local governments of the Mid West and Upper Gascoyne to oppose and object to the proposed 2023 Electoral Boundary Distribution that will affect North West Central.

The Shire calls on the following Towns and Suburbs, that currently sit in North West Central, to demonstrate to the Electoral Distribution Commissioner that a lack of state government services and third world conditions are not a priority for citizens that live 100km from Perth.

Ajana *; Angelo River; Babbage Island; Barrow Island; Brockman; Brown Range; Cane; Cape Range National Park; Capricorn; Carbla; Carnarvon; Carrarang; Chichester; Coburn; Cooladar Hill; Coral Bay; Cue; Daggar Hills; Denham; Dirk Hartog; East Carnarvon; East Lyons River; East Murchison; Eurardy; Exmouth; Exmouth Gulf; Fortescue; Francois Peron Nat Pk; Gascoyne Junction; Gascoyne River; Gibson Desert South; Greys Plain; Hamelin Pool; Inggarda; Innawanga; Juna Downs; Kalbarri; Karalundi; Karijini; Kennedy Range; Kingsford; Kumarina; Lake Austin; Lake Carnegie; Learmonth; Little Sandy Desert; Lyndon; Macleod; Massey Bay; Meadow; Meekatharra; Millstream; Minilya; Monkey Mia; Morgantown; Mt Magnet; Mt Sheila; Mulga Downs; Murchison; Nanga; Nanutarra; Nerren Nerren; Ngaanyatjarra-Giles; North Plantations; North West Cape; Onslow; Pannawonica; Paraburdoo; Paynes Find; Paynesville; Peak Hill; Peedamulla; Reedy; Rocklea; Sandstone; South Carnarvon; South Murchison; South Plantations; Talandji; Talisker; Tamala; Tom Price; Useless Loop; Warburton; Weld Range; West Lyons River; Wiluna; Wittenoom; Woodleigh; Woolgorong; Wooramel; Yalardy; Yalgoo; Yandoo Creek; Yannarie

The grouping of these remote towns and communities with a large population base just north of Perth continues to erode regional representation. When combined with party politics the now 6 representatives for areas outside of cities have no chance to stand up for their residents against the other 53 representatives. Those 6 representatives need to voice the concerns for over 80% of the state geographically across a vast range of industries with competing ideals. We do not believe an appropriate balance has been achieved between population and the lack of basic services experienced in the regions which, aside from the difficulties of representation and the tyranny of distance, is one of the reasons for large district allowances.

While the isolation of the City of Geraldton inside the newly proposed boundary goes some way to separate voters that are supported by a regional centre from those that are not it appears to be a blatantly political move. It appears as though a labor seat has been quarantined and two national seats have been merged together. It could be argued that costal areas connected to Geraldton and Perth via Highway would be a more straightforward district rather than the dilution of primary producers representation.

There are many other avenues the state could take to improve this process such as addressing the declining rural population, enrolling and engaging with disenfranchised first nations people and giving some responsibility to the Perth based mining workforce which spends more than 50% of the year living in this area.



The Australian notion of a fair go doesn't exist when high school education, basic healthcare and a relatively safe environment is just down the road for some and 700km away for others. We could all pick up and move to the city at the cost of significant aboriginal culture and connection to land, drastic changes in primary production and massive stress on an already crippled housing market. Please show your support for regional and remote Western Australia.

On behalf of the Shire of Yalgoo