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To Whom It May Concern

Please be advised that at the meeting held 18 August 2023, the Council of the Shire of Northampton resolved:

“That the Shire of Northampton object to the 2023 Review of the Western Australian electoral Boundaries on the following basis:

1. The reduction in electorates in the region from three to two is not supported on the basis it decreases the number of Members of Parliament and adequate representation in the region;
2. Means of Communication, Means of Travel and Distance from Capital: The proposed Mid West electorate is vast in area and will not possibly allow a Member of Parliament to adequately represent the electorate due to extreme distance and the lack of air transport options. As an example, to drive from one end of the electorate to the other by road would take up to 14 hours;
3. Communities of Interest: The proposed Mid West electorate has a clear divergence of Communities of Interest due to the size of the electorate particularly in the activities undertaken in various areas. To group all of these different communities into the same electorate will potentially create division between regional communities making adequate representation from the Member of Parliament complex and difficult; and
4. Local Government Boundaries: The Shire of Northampton remains divided into two electorates and this should be altered to include the entire Shire district incorporated into either the proposed Geraldton electorate or the proposed Mid West electorate to enable all communities of the Shire of Northampton to be unified under one electorate.”

If you have any queries relating to the objection, please let me know.

Regards

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