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Dear Commissioners  
Please find attached letter of objection from the Shire of Carnarvon in relation to the above for your consideration.  
Regards

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*The Shire of Carnarvon acknowledges and respects the Yinggarda (Carnarvon) and Baiyungu (Coral Bay) as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Carnarvon is committed to honouring the traditional custodians' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.*

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## PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THE 2025 STATE GENERAL ELECTION - OBJECTION

The Shire of Carnarvon strongly objects to the merging of the regional districts of North West Central and Moore for the reasons outlined below.

Shires in the North West Central seat, such as the Shire of Carnarvon, have been significantly impacted by the withdrawal of government services from the Gascoyne region. As a result of this withdrawal of services, residents of the region must travel to Geraldton (a ten-hour return journey by road) or to Perth, nearly 1000kms away to access core government services. This has a direct bearing in the context of political representation.

Without political representation that understands local needs and pressures, political support and advocacy for the retention or re-introduction of services will be less effective. Faced with decreasing political representation at a state level will result in residents increasingly turning to their local government for representation and to provide support and advocacy that is beyond the usual remit of local government. This will put an increased burden on local government resources.

Increasing the size of any seat in the North West will further disempower residents in those seats. Local representation for rural, regional, and remote residents is critical to ensure that their unique circumstances are adequately understood and represented in decision-making. The Shire of Carnarvon advocates for the retention of the North West Central seat.

### IDENTITY

The Mid West Region is the name assigned to a specific area of the State for administrative purposes such as defining the Development Commission boundary and for State Government Department agencies. The Mid West is a region that is separate from the Gascoyne Region. Proposing to call a new seat the Mid West, given that the proposed seat incorporates the Gascoyne region, will lead to confusion regarding administrative boundaries and electoral boundaries and further erosion of the Gascoyne identity. Using the Mid West toponym for a seat that incorporates the Gascoyne region, is unacceptable to the Shire of Carnarvon.



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