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Electoral Distribution Commissioners Western Australian Electoral Commission GPO Box F316 PERTH WA 6841

Dear Commissioners

Shire of Boyup Brook

SUBMISSION - ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES REVIEW

On behalf of the Boyup Brook Shire Council, I submit the following Electoral Boundary Submission for due consideration.

Rural Western Australia representation in State Parliament is diminishing due to changes that the McGowan Government introduced for the 2025 State Election. Also, the merging of Electoral boundaries due to the one vote and value system that was introduced a number of years ago has seen a reduction in regional seats and electorates choice becoming larger in area to the detriment of rural voters.

If the current trend continues there will be little representation remaining for regional/rural Western Australians.

It is imperative when undertaking this current Electoral Boundary Review, the Commissioners support the retention of the current 16 regional seats in the Legislative Assembly to ensure that there is an equitable and fair distribution of electoral power going forward. Regional Western Australia cannot afford to lose more regional representation.

I trust that due consideration will be given to Council's submission.

Yours sincerely

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