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Robert Kennedy
Electoral Commissioner
Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission
Via e-mail: boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Kennedy

2023 WA Distribution – Boundaries for the 2025 State General Election Review

The Shire of Collie notes the enrolment levels for the Collie-Preston district as 32,331, being a variation of 6.24% from the average district enrolment. It is also noted that this variance is well within the 10% tolerance for variance.

The Shire supports the retention of Collie within the Collie-Preston district and for the naming of the district to remain unchanged. This arrangement reflects the very strong association Collie has with the south-west region generally and the communities that comprise the Collie-Preston district specifically.

Interests in common within the current district arrangements are many. These include:

- Economic interests; common industrial activity, economic development objectives and infrastructure servicing.
- Functional and social relationships; regional partnerships across the Bunbury Geographe group of Councils facilitates shared resources across common interests. Social services, transport and other activities link communities in the southwest.
- Land management; conservation, environmental and fire/flood management issues are consistent across the region.

The social, economic, environmental and functional relationships Collie holds with its namesake, the Collie-Preston district are not replicated across the Central Wheatbelt or Roe districts.

The Shire of Collie has previously lodged an objection (by letter 13 May 2019) to a previous proposal that would see electoral boundaries realign to move the Shire of Collie into the Roe district. The Shire respectfully submits that the Shire of Collie remain within the Collie-Preston electoral district as an outcome of the 2023 review.

Please refer any queries in relation to this submission to the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Devenish
Chief Executive Officer

