

1 May 2023

Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission
Attention Mr Robert Kennedy
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By email: boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Dear Sir

2023 ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

I am writing to express my support for the retention of the sixteen regional electorates as part of the upcoming 2023 electoral boundary review and to request a minor boundary realignment for the Bunbury electorate.

As the Shire President of the Shire of Dardanup, I believe it is essential to maintain a fair and balanced representation of regional areas in the Western Australian Parliament. The regional electorates have provided effective representation for regional areas since their introduction and have ensured the needs and concerns of regional communities are heard and addressed by the government. These electorates have also allowed regional voters to choose a representative who is familiar with their unique challenges, and who has the necessary knowledge and expertise to advocate for their interests.

Regional areas play a significant role in Western Australia's economy, contributing significantly to the state's mining, agriculture, and tourism industries. It is therefore vital these areas are represented effectively in the Parliament. The retention of the sixteen regional electorates will ensure regional areas continue to have a strong voice in the State's decision-making processes.

I therefore urge the Electoral Commission to carefully consider the importance of retaining the regional electorates as part of the 2023 Boundary Review. Their retention is essential for ensuring fair and balanced representation for regional areas in Western Australia's Parliament.

I would also like to propose the inclusion of the Waterloo Industrial Estate in the Bunbury electorate's boundaries as detailed in Annexure A. This would ensure all port-related industrial areas are located within one electorate.

As you are aware, the Bunbury electorate is an important region for Western Australia's economy, and it is essential the area is effectively represented in Parliament. The proposed Waterloo Industrial Estate is a significant development which will create new jobs and contribute to the growth of the region's economy. Therefore, it is vital this area is included within the boundaries of the Bunbury electorate.



I believe the inclusion of the proposed Waterloo Industrial Estate within the Bunbury electorate will provide a more cohesive representation for the region's industries. It will also ensure the elected representative has a better understanding of the issues affecting the area's port-related industries. I urge the Electoral Commission to carefully consider this proposal and to undertake a boundary realignment to include the proposed Waterloo Industrial Estate within the Bunbury electorate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "B".

MICHAEL BENNETT
Shire President



Annexure A – Waterloo Industrial Estate to be included in Bunbury Electorate

