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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached submission from the Singleton Residents' Association regarding proposed changes to the State Electoral Boundaries that may affect our region.

It is important to the residents of Singleton and Golden Bay to maintain the existing boundaries, as we are part of the Metropolitan area and require Metropolitan representation. We believe that the proposed changes would be detrimental to the interests of our suburb and that they are unnecessary. We would ask the Commissioners to reconsider any changes to the electoral boundaries affecting our suburb and to investigate if alternative arrangements can be made that do not affect the interests of Singleton and Golden Bay residents, and take our representation outside of the Perth Metropolitan area.

Thank you.

Regards, Graeme Dean.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I would like to thank the Commissioners for the opportunity to write to you today regarding the State Boundary Redistribution.

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to move the suburbs of Golden Bay and Singleton into the South West Region. As a local resident and President of the Singleton Residents' Association, I believe that this proposal is not in the best interests of our region, nor is it in line with the guidelines that the redistributions are meant to be carried out against.

While once our suburbs were tourist towns on the coast, Golden Bay and Singleton are now firmly entrenched as residential suburbs. Both suburbs are part of the Metropolitan region with the train line and freeway transporting many workers everyday all across the Metro Area. Golden Bay and Singleton residents often shop in Secret Harbour and Warnbro, and many of their kids go to local schools in Secret Harbour.

We are not a rural small town nor do we have a significant connection to the industries or character of the South West. The major issues that we would seek our elected representatives on are not those that communities in the South West would. While this may have been the case 20 or 30 years ago, the development of the area means it is no longer.

While I appreciate the Commissioners have a difficult task ahead of them ensuring adequate numbers of voters in each region, I would suggest that the development in Lakelands has been overlooked in this instance. Situated along the Perth to Mandurah train line, development in the area is significant and will soon go a long way to righting any imbalances.

Once again, I thank the Commissioners for making this opportunity available, and hope that my perspective is of use in your determinations.

Regards

Graeme Dean

President - Singleton Residents' Association