The Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Objection to the Proposed 2015 Boundary Changes

Dear Sir

I would like to make a formal objection with regards to the proposed 2015 Electoral Boundary Changes, currently being advertised by the Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners. Particularly, my objection relates to the proposed abolishment of the Electoral District of Eyre, which will result in the Local Government District of Esperance (the Shire of Esperance) being split between the Electoral Districts of Kalgoorlie and Wagin (to be renamed Roe).

My objection is based on the following reasons:

1) The predominant land use in the Northern and Eastern parts of the Shire is agriculture, not mining and (or) pastoral, as reported in the Commission's report;
2) The proposal does not seem to take into account the factors required to be considered under Section 16I of the *Electoral Act 1907*, being:
    a. Community of Interest (there are not two different communities of Interest in the Shire of Esperance)
    b. Land use patterns (the predominant land use in the Shire of Esperance is Agriculture)
    c. Physical features (there is no distinct major physical differences across the Shire of Esperance, particularly East to West)
    d. Existing Local Government Boundaries (the current Electoral District of Eyre contains the entire Shire of Esperance)
    e. The trend of Demographic Changes (the Town site of Esperance is the epicentre of the Esperance Community, and there is no significant demographic changes within the Shire of Esperance, particularly East to West);
3) The abolishment of the Electoral District of Eyre will increase the number of Electoral Districts associated with the Metropolitan Area, to the detriment of the Regions, which stills provide most of the natural and economic wealth of Western Australia.

I trust you will consider the points I have raised in this submission, and will agree that the reasons proposed in your report do not justify the abolishment of the Electoral District of Eyre.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on this very important issue.

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