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**Subject:** 2015 PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT  
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Electoral Commissioners

The Council of the Shire of Kondinin at its meeting held on 19 August, 2015 resolved the following:

**RESOLUTION 2569**

**Moved Cr Tuckwell Seconded Cr Meeking**

**That Council support Hon Mia Davies MLA's opposition to proposed electoral boundary changes affecting the Central Wheatbelt by expressing its concern to the WA Electoral Commission.**

**CARRIED 8:0**

Hon Mia Davies statement opposing the proposed electoral boundary changes are attached.

Regards

*John Read*

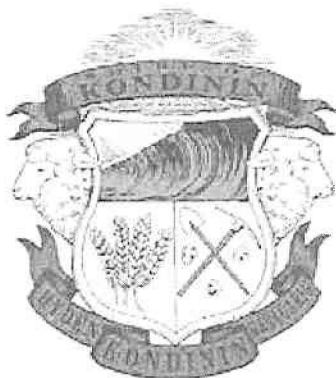
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***\*\*Please see attached for complete release\*\****

Regards  
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**Kath Brown**

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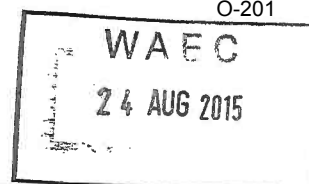
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**Hon Mia Davies MLA**  
MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT

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Media release

July 27, 2015

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It will gain the Shires of Westonia, Yilgarn, Wandering, Boddington, Pingelly, Cuballing, Williams and West Arthur, and lose the Shires of Koorda, Wongan-Ballidu, Dowerin and Goomalling.

"I am extraordinarily disappointed with the proposed boundary changes, not just from an electorate perspective but on a state-wide basis," Ms Davies said.

"The Nationals WA made a submission that would have allowed the Electoral Commissioners to meet the requirements of the Act that involved minimal change.

"Instead, the proposal to abolish a country electorate and increase the remaining electorates to an unmanageable size."

Ms Davies said regional constituents had every right to be concerned as the changes would make it more difficult for them to have access to their local State representative.

"If the proposed changes are finalised the Central Wheatbelt will stretch from Northam to Southern Cross, Mukinbudin to Hyden and across to Darkan," she said.

"The area is characterised by a large number of small communities, each with their own unique challenges and opportunities.

"I encourage local governments, residents and businesses to look at the boundaries and make their views known to the WA Electoral Commission."

Ms Davies said no amount of technology or better travel options could compensate for the size of the proposed electorates, which had already been significantly increased in 2008 after the introduction of one-vote-one-value legislation.

For further information visit: <http://www.boundaries.wa.gov.au/boundaries/2015-proposed>

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