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Subject: Submission on State Electoral Boundaries: Blackwood-Stirling

The Secretary
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
GPO Box F316
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Emailed to: boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Friday, 27 July 2007

Dear Sir

# SUBMISSION ON REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES: BLACKWOOD - STIRLING

Please find attached a copy of the resolution passed by the Shire of Manjimup at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007. This outlines Council's concerns with the current proposed electoral boundaries for the Blackwood-Stirling region.

Best Regards,

Gail Duns

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#### **ATTACHMENT**

## 12.11.4 Review of State Electoral Boundaries: Blackwood-Stirling

PROPONENT: Shire of Manjimup

OWNER: Whole of Shire

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Whole of Shire WARD: Whole of Shire

ZONE: NA

DIVISION: Corporate
FILE REFERENCE: CNL6, CNL2
LEGISLATION: Election Act 1907

AUTHOR: Jeremy Hubble

DECLARATION OF Nil

INTEREST:

**DATE OF REPORT:** 2 July 2007

SIGNATURE:

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION

#### 23452

### That Council:

- 1. Express its concern to the Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners regarding the proposed electoral boundaries for the Blackwood-Stirling Region for the following reasons:
  - 1.1. The proposed size and topography of the district is likely to make elector representation difficult and time consuming
  - 1.2. The distribution of the district across two State Government agency boundaries is unlikely to provide well integrated State Government policy and service delivery.
  - 1.3. The split of the Shire of Augusta/Margaret River seems illogical and only achieved for convenience. The Shire of Manjimup as a stronger community of interest with Donnybrook/Balingup than with Augusta.
  - 1.4. The proposed boundaries do not reflect the strong community of interest associated with those northern communities along the South West Highway.
- 2. Express its disappointment at the loss of the historically significant name of "Warren" that originally extended over most of proposed new boundary region under the original Warren Road Board.
- 3. Support the inclusion of the Shire of Denmark within the Blackwood-Stirling district.

#### ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION 10/0