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Dear Sir

## **2007 ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

I write on behalf of Council who seeks to make comment on the above and the preference for its local authority boundary being fully contained within the seat of Moore.

The entire boundaries and constituents of the Shires of Chittering, Victoria Plains, Dalwallinu and Moora are proposed within the seat of Moore and we would like to align with those Councils and constituents, rather than in the seat of Merredin which is proposed.

Council is in a regional alliance with those four Councils (Central Midlands Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils) and has strategic and community interests more closely aligned to the west as opposed to Merredin and the communities east of us. Council appreciates that there will always be a 'boundary' and someone on the edge of that boundary, but respectfully suggest that our current community of interest and other strategic interests are better aligned with Moore. Changing the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu with its 1,000 ratepayers into the seat of Moore also *still results in an acceptable* deviation from the average districts enrolments sought by the Commission.

The change will also 'square' up the proposed boundaries of Moore and Merredin and provide a more suitable area to service from a practical and geographic perspective. Council has relatively little to do with its southern and eastern neighbors of Goomalling, Dowerin and Koorda and has much more to do with those of the CMVROC in Moore. It is currently preparing a Regional Planning Strategy with assistance of the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Officers from the State Government Department of Planning & Infrastructure (Regional Planning Branch).

If you require any additional information or wish to discuss this matter please contact the above officer on 9671 1011 or email: <a href="mailto:ceo@wongan.wa.gov.au">ceo@wongan.wa.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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