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To Whom it May Concern,

The issue regarding the changing of the Electoral Boundaries If each seat has to have the same number of voters as per one-vote one value then the outright logic of this does not work. The biggest numbers of people are on the western sea board and the rest drives the economy. I am not suggesting how to distribute the country regions but if your home block has the front area in one seat - the dwelling in another and the back yard in another - how would you guys or "pointy-head" handle that because that is what you are proposing.

- (1) The dog-leg of Bentinck - Wheat belt - I think its - West Arthur - Williams shires stuck out on a limb.
 - (2) Shire of Jerramungup in Albany - where it was formally the Shire of Gnowangerup. The electors would have to drive through the seat of Albany to service Ravensthorpe.
 - (3) And for annexing the eastern portion of Esperance shire all together to Kalgoorlie - now come on Esperance - Kalgoorlie is an economic hub with mining and its agriculture focused through the port. The infrastructure is channeled that way - rail for iron-ore, nickel other commodities - grain, wood-chips - mines at Rany - Triquet Range Norseman & Kal -
 - (4) The same to be said for North-East Goldfields - all the roads - rail and its infrastructure is tied to Kalgoorlie not the North-West, that's its service centre.
- Any-one can draw lines on a map - but it has to be practical economically - So you see your house block split up comes out like - this.

Yours Sincerely

MA McLennan

Representation fears over boundary change

By JACINTA BOLSEN BROEK

POLITICAL representation in regional areas could suffer if proposed electoral boundaries go ahead according to two Members of Parliament.

Under the proposed WA Electoral Commission changes for the 2017 State election, the configuration of the three country regions; Agricultural, Mining and Pastoral and the South West could be affected, with the decision to reduce the number of districts from 17 to 16 due to the alteration of regional boundaries between the country regions.

Four of the districts – the Central Wheatbelt, Geraldton, Moore and Wagin – would be situated in the Agricultural Region, the same number as at present, but there would be some name changes within regions and districts.

The electorate of Eyre would disappear altogether and would be dispersed into Wagin (or Roe as it will be known if the changes go ahead), Central Wheatbelt and the Mining and Pastoral electorate of Kalgoorlie.

Member for Eyre Graham Jacobs said he is disappointed country representation has been reduced by the redistribution of the Eyre electoral boundaries

and believes the proposed amendments will go ahead, with limited change.

He said the WA Electoral Commission proposal to cut the number of country electorates and expand the Mining and Pastoral electorate of Kalgoorlie would include a large area of the existing seat of Eyre.

“The biggest casualty is the constituency,” he said.

“This is not about me, it’s about the representation of those areas that I believe have significant synergies with Esperance.

“I have a commitment with the Esperance region, I also have a commitment to those people along the track associated with the Goldfields.”

Mr Jacobs said he hadn’t decided if he would sit for the new district of Roe, should the changes be made.

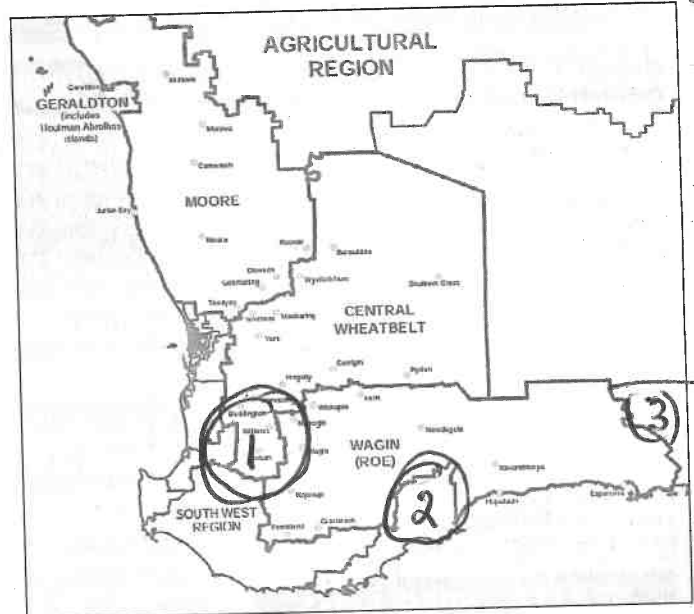
“I have not yet made a decision on that,” he said.

“We will wait and see what the final boundaries are. I will talk to my family and my advisers and make a decision.

“I will continue to work for the electorate that I was elected to work for and let that look after itself in time.

“I am committed to Esperance, it’s my home town.

“I came here with my parents in 1957, it will be very



What the new electoral boundaries would look like under the proposed changes.

difficult for me to leave Esperance.”

Mr Jacobs said the changes would not be to his disadvantage, but to the constituency.

“I think the best representation Esperance, Coolgardie, Norseman and the Yilgarn get is with the present composition, irrespective of Graham Jacobs,” he said.

“For me, my career aside, it (the change) doesn’t fit.

“I do believe that the current model is the best representation, and to do it the other way is disruptive and not a good fit.

“I don’t believe you should cut off the eastern end of the

Esperance Shire and put it into Kalgoorlie.

“They have done something really bizarre here.”

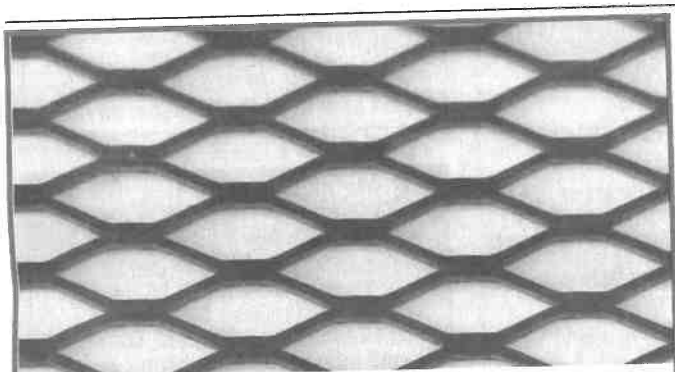
Mr Jacobs said residents in the east of the Esperance shire will not go to the Kalgoorlie member, but would go to the Roe member instead.

“It will go ahead, let’s be real,” he said.

“They may make some small changes around the edges, but they won’t change the basic concept.”

Member for the Central Wheatbelt Mia Davies said the proposed changes will impact on the representation for regional WA.

She said should the proposal



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