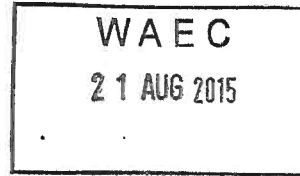


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The Electoral Commissioners
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Dear Sirs

RE : SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED COLLIE-CAPEL DISTRICT

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed Collie-Capel electoral District.

I am making my submission based entirely upon the criterion of 'community of interest', a matter which I believe has been totally overlooked, or at least, not paid sufficient enough attention to in the drafting of this proposed District. I understand that it is a difficult exercise trying to satisfy the legal requirements for elector numbers etc for each District but I believe more important than pure elector numbers is the question of what we all share in common – do we all have a sufficient 'community of interest' to warrant us all being 'lumped together'.

Whilst Collie is considered as an industrial type town/community, the far flung reaches of the proposed District (part of the township of Busselton for example) certainly has no affinity at all with the lifestyles and mind-sets of the residents of the Collie Shire. The communities between Busselton and Collie (Capel and Boyanup for example) are not oriented towards Collie either and in fact a fair number of residents in those areas are agriculture minded and have no thought whatsoever towards the (industrial) happenings in the direction of Collie.

It is noted that the proposed District boundary follows the Collie River all the way through to its discharge into the estuary at Eaton and includes all the areas immediately south of the river. This by itself is not objectionable as there is already an established 'community of interest' as large number of residents in these areas already travel towards Collie for employment purposes (Worsley Alumina refinery, coal mines, and power stations). Collie people reciprocate by travelling into these areas for employment, shopping, entertainment and sporting reasons and it is therefore much easier in this context for a Member representing residents in the Parliament to understand their concerns and needs. It would follow in my estimation that instead of inflicting far-flung areas such as portion of the Busselton town-site, and other areas in-between, if the proposed boundary for our new District projected northwards to include areas of Roelands, Brunswick and perhaps even Harvey and portion of the areas north of Paris Road in Australind. To include residents of areas north of the Collie River into the new District would satisfy my criterion of 'community of interest' and I'm sure deliver a much more harmonious and agreeable electorate for the elected member of Parliament to service. This would of course free up the areas closer to Busselton to be incorporated into a District which offers them a much better 'community of interest' factor than the current proposal does.

I re-iterate that I understand the difficulty of allocating elector numbers to electoral Districts but I believe strongly that the 'community of interest' of electors should far outweigh the interest of pure elector numbers.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

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