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Dear Commissioners

RE: Submission concerning the proposed revision of the electoral boundaries in Western Australia

The Busselton Branch of the Liberal Party of Western Australia considered the matter of the proposed revision of the electoral boundaries in Western Australia at their meeting on the 20th of August.

The Branch voted to undertake a submission concerning the proposed naming of the Collie Capel Electorate. The Busselton Branch membership covers the principal urban area of the City of Busselton and adjacent rural district that will form a significant portion of proposed Collie Capel electorate.

The proposed electorate will cover a diverse set of communities of interest and townships in the rapidly growing South West. The nature of this diversity and the subsequent likely future revisions to the boundaries in the region means that a name for the electorate with a more regional focus would be appropriate. Town names are going to be highly variable in respect to which fall within and without of the electorate boundaries into the future. A more embracing name will be more enduring over time. Avoiding town names will also make it easier for residents from across the electorate to identify with the name. In the current proposal there are major and growing urban centres in the form of Australind, parts of Eaton and the eastern suburbs of Busselton that are not captured in the Collie Capel name.

The branch wish to express their desire to see a name for the new electorate that does not include the names of any towns but instead reflects a regional or heritage focus.

Regional names might include options such as Yaragadee from the name of the underground water aquifer in the region, Geographe for the wine region that covers the full electorate. An alternative would be the name of an iconic figure from the indigenous or post settlement heritage (eg Clifton) of the region might be suitable.

The Branch respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the proposed name to provide a better solution for the proposed locations and communities of interest. Such an amendment to the name would also be more durable as boundaries change into the future with the forecast growth of this region.

Yours faithfully

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