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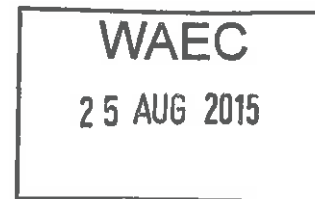
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Dear Commissioners,

RE: SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the 2015 Proposed Electoral Boundaries.

Review of the process, particularly by population by region appears sound and balances the regions well in accordance with the 10% allowance for deviation of electoral areas. Our concern in breaking the region into separate parts appears to have not fully weighed the other definitions of what it is that defines our region.

- Primarily - loss of a country electoral zone (Eyre) becoming an additional metropolitan electoral zone. The loss of one country representative, and addition to the parliament of a metropolitan seat, eroding the value of a regional voice.
- **Community Interest** – relocation of Laverton, Leonora Wiluna and Ngaayatharraku from the Goldfields Esperance region, into the Northern Goldfields, which places their representation with Ashburton, Carnarvon and Shark Bay, which is widely disparate from industry, land use and community interest.
- **Land use patterns** – Mining and Pastoralism are the core industries for our region. Relocation of the Northern districts into non aligned use, and the relocation of the Esperance region into two parts, when Esperance is directly associated with Pastoralism including the proposed Port Link, is not linking this commonality.
- **means of communication, means of travel and distance from the capital** – the fracture in the proposed split severely erodes the link with the regional centre of Kalgoorlie. Removal of regional managers from that centre and relocation to the metropolitan area erodes accessibility and process from our region.

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- **physical features** – the great western woodland, mining and pastoralism, with the addition of a common and growing problem of wild pest species, aligns in regional need.
- **existing boundaries of regions and districts** – attachment demonstrate the Split of the Esperance Shire, and the loss of the common voice of the Northern Districts.
- **the trend of demographic changes** – Industry and Pastoralism clearly demonstrate commonality.

Your documentation also requests if possible an alternative suggestion to the 2015 proposal.

- We respectfully request that no change be made to our region, and that seat of Eyre be retained in the Goldfields district.

If you have any enquires into this matter, please contact this office at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer