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Please find attached Submission from the Shire of Mingenew.

Kind Regards,

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**RE: REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES 2023**

Dear Commissioners

I refer to the review of State Electoral Boundaries 2023 and invitation to make submission.

The Shire of Mingenew at its Ordinary Council Meeting dated 16 August 2023 resolved to make a submission concerning the proposed Boundary changes and impact these changes will have for regional representation for the previous electoral district of Moore.

The Council at the Shire of Mingenew considered these changes and issues and at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 August 2023 resolved as follows:

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 11.4 – RESOLUTION# 06160823**  
**MOVED: Cr HR McTaggart                      SECONDED: Cr JD Bagley**

That Council, by Simple Majority, pursuant to Section 3.18 of the Local Government Act, 1995 , resolves to lodge a submission to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners concerning the 2023 WA Electoral Boundaries that:

- The large size of the proposed electorate and impracticality for a single member to serve its members due to the travel requirements;
- The loss of genuine representation and relevance for small communities - by losing representation, it reduces the electorates' ability to reverse its declining population by having government focus on building the regions;
- The proposed new electorate will be a lot more diverse in its representation responsibilities, making it more difficult for the member to cover all of these sectors effectively.
- The government needs to increase its focus on stopping the decline in regional areas and to do this needs to ensure there is an increased representation as against to the proposed decrease in representation. Residents in the electorate will effectively be disempowered as a result and loose representation for their individual specific circumstances leading to a lack of effective advocacy.
- Currently we enjoy the ability to see our local member at important events. This will become less likely and effective as the member will now need to cover a much larger electorate.
- The establishment of new industry, such as the Arrowsmith Energy Hub, will result in significant developments for the State's energy sector and the Government's green energy policies which will require the highest level of advocacy to ensure that its communities are not disadvantaged and that the necessary socio-economic needs are provided for.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

**CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0**

Should you wish to discuss these concerns and the Councils resolution in further detail, I may be contacted on 99281102 or [ceo@mingenew.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@mingenew.wa.gov.au).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Fanning', written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

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