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Please find attached the Shire of Kondinin objection to the proposed Boundaries.

Kind Regards

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21st August 2023

The Electoral Distribution Commissioners
WA Electoral Commission
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Dear Commissioners

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Shire of Kondinin would like to lodge its objection to the Proposed Boundaries for the 2025 Elections.

From a regional stance, the Shires considered the following:

We acknowledge the efforts of Regional Western Australia which makes a significant contribution to the WA economy. As of July 2023, the regions accounted for 35 percent of Gross State Product. Regional WA is also a significant employer, with more than 300,000 jobs located in regional WA – around 25% of the state's total workforce. Many of these jobs are located in the agriculture and mining industries.¹

Regional Western Australia requires additional resourcing to improve the capacity of State representatives to service their electorate. The comparable size of regional electorates reduces the ability of Members to travel across the district. Any reduction in overall regional representation will increase the size of the electorates and only exacerbate this problem.

As political representation of non-metropolitan communities at the State level is diminished, the political representation provided by Local Governments will become even more important. This additional responsibility will be challenging for many non-metropolitan Local Governments already stretched beyond their current capacity and resourcing.

The service provision expectations and requirements of Local Governments have increased considerably, rarely with commensurate increases in funding and resourcing. This has led to Local Governments, particularly in rural and remote parts of Western Australia, providing services previously the responsibility of other spheres of government. Examples include the provision of primary health care; aged care; housing; and economic development. Diminished political representation, requiring Local Government to fill another gap, will further stretch capacity and resources

¹ WA Economic Profile – July 2023, [Western Australia's economy and international trade \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

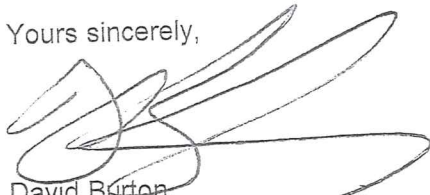
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From the Shires stance, we are concerned that the changes to boundaries now sees the Shire of Kondinin being in the area of Roe rather than Central Wheatbelt. This is outside the normal liaisons that the Shire of Kondinin shares with the Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA being Central Wheatbelt, RoeROC, being the Shires of Corrigin, Narembeen (Central Wheatbelt), Kulin and Kondinin (to be changed to Roe). The Shire also has heavy involvement in the tourism group "Pathways to Wave Rock" which is predominantly Central Wheatbelt Shires rather than Roe Shires.

Based on the information provided, the Shire of Kondinin objects to the proposed boundary changes

If you require any further information, please contact me on (08)
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Burton', written over a horizontal line.

David Burton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER