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From: Allan Jauncey

To Whom it nay concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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My submission is as a individual but on behalf of the Collie community and the workforce of the Collie and Bunbury Australind areas.

I should at this stage state that I have vested interests as I am a union delegate that represents a large number of employees at Muja power station(collie). And also I am a members of the Collie Just Transition working Group.

I have strong family ties with Collie and lived in the town for may years but now live in Bunbury. I still work at Muja and travel from Bunbury to work every one of my working days.
My submission relates to Community of Interests.
It was of great concern and anguish that I noted that there are submissions suggesting that the electorate Collie – Preston be overhauled and indeed cease to exist as we know it to the extent of losing the Collie name in any form in the WA electoral Boundary names.
As you may be aware Collie has a very proud history in the mining and energy sectors and is facing significant change witl the announcement of power station closures this will also effect the Collie coal mines.
With the closure announcements the Collie community along with the union movement lobbied the WA State government for a Just transition process.
Its goals where to build a Future for Collie and the region that was not necessarily liked solely to mines and power stations.
This process is well on the way with significant a amount of Moneys being spent to promote "Collie " and the word Collie as a place to consider to do business in and to visit. In another word to put Collie on the Map
Communities like anyone like to have an Identity and Collie residences are no different especially in trying to plan and promote a Just transition future.
Collie is linked to the western side of the region in many ways. Work and living, employment similarities, industries, Schools and hospitals, sporting and recreations. They are a perfect match but each have their own identity, in a family i would be called cousins.
In one submission I noted was to move Collie completely out of Collie and put it in the Roe Electrical boundary. Collie and Roe have very little in relation of Community of interest.
Change for change sake is not a good thing and should be a last resort.

Collie is experiencing change that has been thrust up them with the closures of industries. More change that is not essential is I would argue alike to kicking someone when they are down. Not the Aussie way its not Fair and not Just and not needed.

Party politics should have no place in WA Electoral Boundary change considerations but I fear others may not think the same from what I have read in some that have been submitted to you.

Collie needs an even louder voice and not a diluted one that is buried in another Electorate with almost nothing in common.

Thanks Again for allowing this submission

Regards

Allan Jauncey

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