



Monday, May 15, 23

Robert Kennedy
Electoral Commissioner
Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission
Via Email; boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Kennedy

2023 WA Distribution – Boundaries for the 2025 State General Election Review

I am writing on behalf of the Collie Chamber of Commerce (CCCI) to express our support for Collie's continued inclusion in the Collie-Preston district and for the naming of the district to remain unchanged. Collie has a rich history and a deep-rooted connection with the river systems from a cultural perspective and with coastal communities to our west/southwest. Our community's strong association with the Collie-Preston district reflects our close ties with the neighbouring communities and highlights the cohesive nature of our region. We believe that maintaining the district's name will preserve our heritage, reinforce our collective identity, and promote a sense of unity among residents.

The CCCI is a dynamic and inclusive organization, representing the interests of a thriving business community. Our membership currently stands at 214, comprising a diverse range of businesses from various sectors. Through our collective efforts, we aim to foster a vibrant and prosperous environment that benefits both our members and the wider Collie community.

The proposed changes have the potential to significantly impact our local business community. As an active and engaged organization, the CCCI understands the concerns and challenges that our members and the broader business community may face due to these changes.

District boundary changes can cause uncertainty and disrupt established business operations. It is crucial that any proposed changes are thoroughly assessed and their potential impacts on the local business community are carefully considered.

Overall, the relationships that Collie holds with its namesake district encompass a range of social, economic, environmental, and functional aspects. These relationships contribute to the region's vibrancy, economic prosperity, natural beauty, and provision of essential services, making Collie an integral and distinctive part of the Collie-Preston district.

Yours faithfully,

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