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Good morning

I wish to make the following suggestions and statements regarding the redistribution of the electoral boundary of Collie from Collie-Preston to Roe.

Collie needs to remain in the electoral district of Collie-Preston to allow us to have a representative who understands our values, aspirations and problems. Collie is transitioning from coal and in the process many people are losing their jobs which is affecting not only our town but the wider Collie-Preston district. We need a strong voice at this crucial time of change – a local member who understands the issues effecting Collie as they are part of the community .

Moving to Roe would make face to face contact by constituents with their local member impossible and could be detrimental to the town of Collie. Proximity and access to our elected member is vital at this stage in our transitioning process. We need a local member who can attend site visits, hold discussions with proponents of industry and advocate for the changing future of Collie. The geographical area should be considered when changing from Collie-Preston to Roe.

Collie has been aligned with the area of Collie-Preston for many years. Collie considers the many other towns in the Collie-Preston district as an extension of its existing resources including health, recreation, entertainment, education, commerce and industry – we have no such association with Roe. Separating Collie from Collie-Preston would at this stage of change be unfavourable to relationships with our partners in Collie Preston and the detriment of Collie.

In summary, Collie has nothing in common with Roe. We would be lost in an area that does not understand large industry and has no experience in the process of transition. Roe is a rural electorate and we need to be represented by a politician who is easily accessible, aware of our circumstances and is living through this hugely challenging time.

Regards  
Michelle Smith

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