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Good morning

Please see attached for the Electoral Boundary Submission from Peter Rundle MLA.

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Submission to the Review of State Electoral Boundaries 2023

In considering the submissions posted on the website of the Electoral Boundaries 2023, I wish to make the following points.

I have an objection to the submission from the Liberal Party and the assertions made by Ian Miffing in relation to the National Party position, the Electorate of Roe and electors from the Shire of Collie.

The WA Liberal Party has suggested that the Shire of Collie be added to the district of Roe raising its numbers to 29 409. To reduce the numbers of the ADE, they propose that the Shires of Narrogin and Williams be ceded to the district of Central Wheatbelt. The Liberal Party submission does not take into account the community of interest, land use patterns or means of travel.

Mr Miffing's submission asserts the Nationals WA are aligned with the Liberal Party in wanting Collie transferred into Roe. This is completely untrue and I would like to impress upon the panel that the Nationals WA ***do not*** wish to incorporate Collie into Roe. At no time has this been suggested by the Nationals WA and we strongly object to the suggestion.

The Liberal Party proposes to shift the district of Collie into Roe while re-distributing the Shires of Narrogin and Williams out. I vigorously object to this suggestion. Under the factors to be taken into account in the review of the boundaries and specifically the following points I consider this proposal to be unrealistic.

1. Communities of Interest:

- a. Collie represents a diverse community primarily focussed on the mining and industrial sectors. Most of the movement of this sector is towards the port and City of Bunbury. Roe is primarily agricultural and while Collie does have some agriculture, it is based on dairy farmers which is more attuned to the western divisions of the State. This is backed by the submission from the Shire of Collie on 1 May, 2023.
- b. Based on this factor, the Shires of Narrogin and Williams are a mixture of broadacre and grazing farming methods as is the rest of the Roe district.
- c. Refer to the submission from the Shire of Collie where they support the retention of Collie within the Collie-Preston district reflecting the strong relationship with the Collie-Preston district:

- i. Economic interests; common industrial activity, economic development objectives and infrastructure servicing.
 - ii. Regional partnerships across the Bunbury Geographe group of councils facilitates shared resources across common interests as well as social services, transport and other activities that link the communities.
 - iii. Land management, conservation and environmental factors are consistent throughout the region.
2. Land use patterns:
 - a. Collie again is primarily mining and industrial, a considerable difference in land use when compared with the district of Roe. Roe is mostly broadacre farming with a considerably different sector focus than Collie.
3. Means of communication, means of travel and distance from Perth:
 - a. Increasing the overall size of Roe would span the area from close to the west coast to just west of the Nullabor resulting in a reduction in electorate service. It already takes over 10 hours of driving to go to each end of the electorate. Adding Collie to the electorate would add an additional drive of at least two hours. With the two electorate offices in Narrogin and Esperance, the service to Collie would be considerably more difficult to manage.

The Shire of Collie has succinctly outlined the economic, social and environmental factors which support the shire remaining in the Collie-Preston catchment. I support their objection to moving Collie into Roe and thank the Shire for upholding the interests of their community in this review.

Moving Narrogin out of Roe would also mean the Narrogin Electorate office would need to be relocated to another town at a cost of approximately \$200 000 based on figures from 2017. The current electorate office supports the northern part of the district from Cranbrook in the south, Lake Grace in the east and West Arthur and Williams in the west.

In terms of re-distribution, I am supportive of minimal change to the Electorate of Roe in line with the Nationals WA original submission. This includes the retention of 16 regional electorates.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the submissions.

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Member for Roe