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15 May 2023

Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission
Attention Mr Robert Kennedy
Level 2, 111 St Georges Terrace
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Dear Robert

2023 ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW - COMMENT ON SUGGESTIONS

I appreciate the opportunity to provide inputs to the Electoral Boundary Review process and would like to confirm that our Shire's view is that the boundaries should remain unchanged.

*OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION 200423
Moved Cr Hughes, seconded Cr Ross
That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to submit the Shire of Chittering's preference to retain the current 16 regional seats to the Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission.*

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TIME: 8.21PM

Yours faithfully

Melinda Prinsloo
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Shire of Chittering's Council Resolution 200423 in favour of retaining the current 16 regional seats.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
EA to CEO / Council Support

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The Shire of Chittering acknowledges the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia as the traditional custodians of this land and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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Acknowledgement of Country: The Western Australian Electoral Commission acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which our electoral activities take place. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

CEO15 – 04/23 State Electoral Boundaries in Western Australia

Applicant Shire of Chittering
 File ref
 Author Executive Assistant
 Authorising Officer Chief Executive Officer
 Disclosure of interest Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interests that requires disclosure
 Voting requirements Simple Majority
 Attachments 1. Letter from Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission

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Executive Summary

Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to make a suggestion to the Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission that supports the retention of the current 16 regional seats.

Background

The Shire received a letter from the Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission on Tuesday 4 April 2023, calling for suggestions about future State electoral boundaries.

“The Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission is now seeking suggestions from local governments, local government councillors or senior staff on future electoral boundaries for the State.

Recently the Commissioners released enrolment statistics as at 13 March 2023. These figures will help guide the Commissioners by establishing the average variation from district enrolment. They identify ten current districts outside permissible legislative limits with several more approaching those limits. At a minimum those ten districts will need their boundaries amended but of course those changes may then affect

surrounding districts. The statistics and accompanying maps are available at the publications and resources page of the Boundaries WA website.

There is now an opportunity for you personally or your local government to make suggestions about what future boundaries should look like. If you or elected councillors wish to understand what is involved in an electoral distribution and how to make a submission please refer to the Making a Submission page and 2023 Review of State Electoral Boundaries Distribution Procedure on the website.

You can make a suggestion about where a boundary should go or even the name of a current or future seat.”

Suggestions need to be made by 5.00pm, Monday 1 May 2023. Once suggestions have been collated and published on the Distribution website there will be a 15 day opportunity to read other people’s suggestions and make comment on them.

Consultation Summary

Local

Nil

State

Nil

Legislative Implications

State

Nil

Local

Nil

Policy Implications

State

Nil

Local

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Assessment / Implications

Local

- Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

Focus area: Administration and Governance

Objective: S5.2 Accountable and Transparent Governance

Strategy: S5.2.1 Become a leader in the areas of transparency, disclosure and public accountability

State

Nil

Site Inspection

Not applicable

Environmental Consideration

Not applicable

Risk Assessment / Implications

Nil

Officer Comment/Details

Nil



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We look forward to receiving your thoughts on the future electoral boundaries for Western Australia.

Robert Kennedy
Electoral Commissioner, on behalf of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission

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