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Electoral Boundaries Review  
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15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Electoral Boundaries Review**

I am writing in reference to the invitation for Councils to provide comment on Electoral Boundaries WA by 5pm Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The Shire of Kellerberrin on behalf of its ratepayers firmly believes that it is crucial to retain the current sixteen (16) regional seats within the Western Australian Parliament.

The reduction of regional seats increases the existing challenges faced by regional communities when it comes to having our voices heard and issues addressed.

Our regional areas require stronger and more effective representation to ensure our unique needs and challenges are adequately addressed. A reduction in regional seats would result in fewer representatives with a thorough understanding of rural/regional issues and the challenges we face. This further leads to a lack of effective advocacy and representation of the rural/regional area.

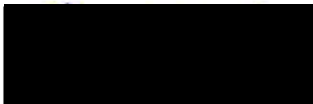
Furthermore, the merging of seats will result in larger electorates, making it more difficult for constituents to access their local Member in addition making it tougher for the members to engage effectively with their communities

Retaining the current number of regional seats is critical for ensuring that rural/regional communities have both the adequate representation and support in the Western Australian Parliament. In ensuring the retention of the rural seats our regional communities receive the attention and resources they need to continue to survive, grow and be sustainable.

It is critical that we continue to prioritise the needs and challenges of our regional communities, and the best way to do so is by retaining the current number of regional seats.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above, please contact me via email, [shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au) or telephone 9045 4006.

Yours sincerely



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