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Good Afternoon,

The Shire of Shark Bay following Council resolution (absolute majority) at its 26 April Ordinary Council Meeting, provides the following recommendation as a suggestion relative to the proposed electoral review of the North West Central District.

The recommendation is not a suggestion for a proposed new boundary or boundary name relative to the Northwest Central seat, but rather criteria that support the review and retention of the seat in its current form.

Officer Recommendation

That Council resolves to lodge a suggestion to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners considering the 2023 Western Australian Electoral Boundaries that:

1. Current enrolment figures do not factor in the potential future growth expected in the North West Central region, new projects in areas such as Green Hydrogen, Rare Earth and numerous other resource projects, in addition to expected growth in the Tourism and Hospitality sectors;
2. The total number of Electors for the North West Central of 23,296 (inclusive of the Large District Allowance) be measured against the minimum number (lower permissible limit in recognition of the future growth potential of the North West Central) of enrolled electors for a Legislative Assembly District of 27,389 (rather than the Average District Enrolment of 30,432), this would represent a variance of -15%, bringing the District under the -20% variance threshold;
3. The Large District Allowance be reviewed to increase the tolerance levels in recognition of the geographical size, large distances, and remoteness of Northern Western Australia;
4. The North West Central seat be retained as is.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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