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Electoral Distribution Commissioners boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Dear Commissioners

COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES REVIEW

State Government parliamentary representation for regional Western Australia is a priority for rural and regional areas. This is demonstrated by the submissions put forward by Boyup Brook Shire Council and the Shire President of the Shire of Dardanup, Shire of Esperance, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, Shire of Ravensthorpe, Shire of Toodyay, Shire of Dandaragan, Shire of Narrogin and the Shire of Coorow.

The retention of the current 16 regional seats in the Legislative Assembly is supported, to ensure that there is an equitable and fair distribution of electoral power going forward.

The regional electorates have provided effective representation for regional areas since their introduction and have ensured the needs and concerns of regional communities are heard and addressed by the government. These electorates have also allowed regional voters to choose a representative who is familiar with their unique challenges, and who has the necessary knowledge and expertise to advocate for their interests.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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