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Shire of Chittering

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Objection to the 2020-21 Western Australian Redistribution

This submission is made on behalf of the Shire of Chittering.

The Shire of Chittering was traditionally an agricultural shire. Though it borders the Perth Metropolitan Area, it is nominally placed in the Wheatbelt area.

Due to the proximity of the shire to the Perth Metropolitan Area, the shire has been undergoing a transformation towards a more urban shire. It is now in the position where the requirements and issues of the shire are more similar with metropolitan local governments and thus requires similar representation to those metropolitan shires. This similarity is even higher for the high-growth outer metropolitan Councils that are located in the seat of Pearce.

The Shire of Chittering is a high growth shire due to the peri-urban fringe of Perth spreading to the southern portion of the shire. In the period from 2009 to 2019, the population of the shire increased by 40%. This is a large contrast to the Wheatbelt and regional Councils that form the seat of Durack, who face declining populations.

The growth and increasing urbanisation of the shire is reflected in the economy of the shire. Since 2009, the economy has grown 60%. This growth has not been in agriculture, but in construction and finance and insurance. This growth is reflected in Chittering now having a much higher portion of Technicians and Trade Workers and, Clerical and Administrative Workers when compared to the Wheatbelt. This is a more urbanised work force, a workforce whose issues that need representation are similar to the rest of the metropolitan area.

With the recent extension of the Tonkin Highway, one of Perth's main highways, into the Shire of Chittering, the shire is now easily accessible from Perth and conversely, Perth is now easily accessible for the population. The travel times are very similar to or even less than much of the outer metropolitan area.

The residents of the Shire of Chittering deserve adequate representation and the best way to provide this is by being in an electorate that shares the same issues and desires as the residents of our shire. It is for the reason that the Shire of Chittering should remain in the seat of Pearce.



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