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Objection 31

Shire of Waroona

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Australian Electoral Commission
(Attn: WA Redistribution Secretariat)
Locked Bag 4007,
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: PROPOSED 2024 FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Shire of Waroona wishes to provide comment into the review currently taking place related to Federal electoral boundaries. At its June 2024 ordinary meeting, Council resolved to provide a submission to you in support of maintaining the existing Federal electoral boundaries for the Canning electoral area.

The current proposal recommends that the entire district of the Shire of Waroona be transferred from Canning to Forrest.

The Shire of Waroona feels that this proposal is not in the interests of our district based on the following points:

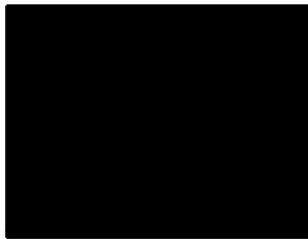
- The Shire of Waroona is an integral part of the Peel region which includes the City of Mandurah, and the Shires of Boddington, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Murray. These five Councils work very closely together and share common objectives and ambitions and all are part of the Peel Development Commission.
- The predominant communities of interest for residents of Waroona are the City of Mandurah and the Shire of Murray. Shire of Waroona residents bank, attend medical appointments, recreate and shop in these neighbouring local government districts.
- The Shire of Waroona is a member of the Peel Alliance, which also contains membership all other Peel local government authorities as well as the Peel Development Commission, Regional Development Australia – Peel, the Peel Harvey Catchment Council and the Peel Community Development Group. All nine members share regional objectives and is looking to further this Alliance in terms of resources and focus.
- The City of Mandurah and Shires of Murray and Waroona share responsibility of the management of the Peel Estuary and work closely together to ensure the health and wellbeing of the estuarine systems within the Peel region.
- The City of Mandurah and Shires of Murray and Waroona work closely to effect mosquito management, which is a significant health risk to our district.

- It is also noted that the Shire of Donnybrook - Balingup has stronger synergies with the southwest but has been taken out of the Forrest electorate in the proposed new boundaries.
- The Shire of Waroona has no strategic alliances with other districts of the Forrest electorate.

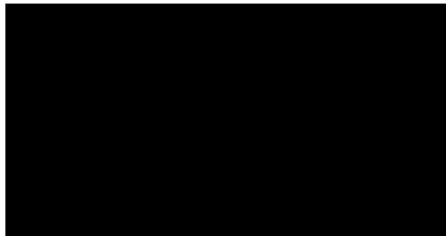
With those points raised, the Shire of Waroona wishes to remain within the Peel region and the Canning electoral area, and continue furthering our important and successful partnerships and collaboration with our regional partners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment into this proposal.

Yours faithfully



Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer



Mike Walmsley
Shire President

Cc Hon. Andrew Hastie MP