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The Secretary  
Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that there is to be a redistribution of electoral boundaries in Western Australia.

I would like to make a personal submission on changes to the boundaries of the present Federal Electorate of Kalgoorlie.

As I have submitted in previous correspondence, I believe that this electorate should be abolished and replaced by an electorate covering the north west of the state with the borders of O'Connor taken out to the Western Australian/South Australian state border.

I would envisage that the new electorate for the north west should have sufficient population to make up a federal electoral district where its southern boundary to be south of the town of Geraldton and to extend over the Murchison, Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley districts.

The reasons I believe that the Kalgoorlie Electorate should be abolished are, firstly, there is no community of interest between the electors of the southern end of the electorate around Kalgoorlie and the people in the north. The industries in these two areas are quite different and the people in the north of the state have a much different outlook to those in the southern areas of the Kalgoorlie electorate and the adjacent Wheatbelt areas.

Secondly, the size of the electorate makes it impossible for any one person to adequately service.

I hold these views having been involved in the Liberal Party and Federal elections in the north of WA since 1977 and also have held positions such as the Mayor of Port Hedland, Chairman of the Pilbara ward of the Country Shire Council's Association and a member of the board of the Pilbara



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Development Commission. Given this background I am well acquainted with the industries and cultural attitudes of the people of the north of Western Australia. There is however a genuine community of interest between the people of Kalgoorlie and the adjacent areas of the eastern Wheatbelt in WA and I believe therefore that the extension of the Federal electorate of O'Connor to take in the city of Kalgoorlie.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Eggleston', written in a cursive style.

**ALAN EGGLESTON**  
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