



The Federal Redistribution 2008
Western Australia



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Dear Sir

RE: REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES IN WA

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries in Western Australia.

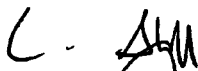
The Shire of Dandaragan is opposed, specifically, to the proposed changes to the division of O'Connor. The Shire of Dandaragan objects to the proposal for the following reasons:

- The proposed division of O'Connor has no regard for community of interests. The size of the division is such that community of interests are unlikely to exist across the division.
- With the exception of the road network, transport links within the division are largely non-existent. In particular neither rail or air transport are integrated within the proposed O'Connor division. Accordingly major regional centres such as Carnarvon / Broome or Geraldton / Port Hedland remain isolated from one another.
- The proposed division of O'Connor would appear to be extremely difficult to service for any elected representative. The size of the proposed division combined with the lack of any integrated air transport would indicate that the division is unlikely to be effectively represented.
- The Shire of Dandaragan notes that in determining a redistribution, one of the factors required to be undertaken into consideration by the Redistribution Committee is the physical features of the division. The

Shire of Dandaragan questions how the size and diversity of land form within the proposed O'Connor division can be positively considered.

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to express its concern as to the capacity of proposed redistribution to provide effective representation to the members of our community.

Yours faithfully



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