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Submission OB346

Whyalla City Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Redistribution and Renaming of the Electorate of Grey

At its April Council Meeting, Council considered and resolved to make a submission in relation to the proposed Redistribution and Renaming of the Electorate of Grey. This letter is to advise the Australian Electoral Commission of Whyalla City Council's views, which we wish the Committee to consider prior to making a final decision in relation to this matter.

Proposed Redistribution

The current proposal would add parts of the City of Playford and City of Salisbury to the existing seat of Grey, bringing an additional two councils into an electorate that already spans thirty (30) local government areas and more than 92 per cent of South Australia. Ensuring effective representation across a seat of this size is already a significant undertaking, and expanding the number of councils within the electorate would only add to that complexity.

The proposal would increase the number of electors in Grey from 129,724 to 133,313. This would mean Grey remains the largest electorate by geographic size, while also becoming the third largest by enrolment.

The electorate of Grey is currently within one per cent of the South Australian enrolment quota, therefore it could be argued that it does not need to increase further, albeit we note that the electorate of Spence (City of Playford) has had significant population growth and exceeds quotas.

If the AEC determines that the Grey electorate must increase in voter numbers, an alternative option would be to incorporate additional electors from regional LGA's, in particular Light Regional Council. This approach would avoid introducing any new councils into Grey and result in voters from non-metro councils with similar communities of interest being included within Grey.

Recommendation

- a) *No change be made to current Grey boundaries.*
- b) *Should a boundary adjustment be required to increase the number of voters within the electorate of Grey, additional electors are incorporated from regional LGA's.*





Proposed Renaming

The electorate has carried the name Grey since 1903, in honour of Sir George Grey, a British explorer and colonial administrator who served as Governor of South Australia from 1841 to 1845 and was involved in stabilising the colony's finances during a period of economic difficulty.

Council resolved that the Federal electorate of Grey should retain its current name, in recognition of Sir George Grey.

Recommendation

c) That the electorate of Grey retain its current name.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on

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Yours faithfully

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