



# Objection 31

Shire of Waroona

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

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: PROPOSED 2021 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.

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 Shire of Waroona has developed a very close and successful local government resource-sharing partnership with the Shire of Murray. Since 2013 both Shires have shared Rangers, Information Technology hardware and staff and environmental health services. Since September 2019, both Shires have shared a Chief Executive Officer and the Shires now have integrated its Planning, Building, regulatory, and emergency services. Further economies of scale and scope are now being developed in areas such as governance and integrated and strategic planning.
- The predominant communities of interest for residents of Waroona are the City of Mandurah and the Shire of Murray.
- 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.
- The Shire of Waroona are 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.

- It is also noted that the Shire's of Nannup and Bridgetown/ Greenbushes have stronger synergies with the lower southwest but have been taken out of the Forrest electorate.
- The Shire of Waroona has no strategic alliances with other districts of the Forrest electorate.

With those points raised, the Shire of Waroona wish to remain within the Peel region 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



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