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Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils

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Redistribution Committee for WA
Australian Electoral Commission
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By email: FedRedistribution-WA@aec.gov.au

Dear Redistribution Committee for WA

**REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA –
REQUEST FOR DIVISION OF O’CONNOR TO INCLUDE THE SHIRE OF WILUNA**

The Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils (GVROC) is writing to you to request that consideration be given to changing the current proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral Divisions in Western Australia for the Division of O’Connor to also include the Shire of Wiluna, which is currently contained within the Division of Durack.

The GVROC is an established partnership between the Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in the Goldfields Esperance Region of Western Australia including - City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Wiluna.

The GVROC has recently supported the Shire of Wiluna in its bid to have its Federal Regional Development Australia (RDA) boundary changed from the Midwest to the Goldfields Esperance region, through the Australian Government’s Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, on the basis of the Shire already being a valued member of the GVROC.

The WA State Government is also in the process of amending legislation to move the Shire of Wiluna from the Midwest Development Commission to the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) regional boundary under the *WA Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*.

These changes to include the Shire of Wiluna in the Goldfields Esperance boundaries is based on a multitude of factors including similar primary industries (mainly mining), alignment of various community and work services provision, a natural connection to the local governments of the Northern Goldfields, and proximity to the major services centre of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

It would also make sense that the federal local member for the Division of O’Connor would have a better connection with the Shire of Wiluna, given their interaction with the LGAs contained within the GVROC, the Goldfields Esperance RDA and the GEDC.

Based on the recent progress with boundary changes at a Federal and State level for the RDA and GEDC including the Shire of Wiluna, the GVROC believe it would be a logical step to have the Shire of Wiluna included in the Division of O’Connor in the current redistribution process, rather than it being retained in the Division of Durack.

Therefore, the GVROC formally request that the Redistribution Committee for WA at the Australian Electoral Commission consider transferring the Shire of Wiluna from the Division of Durack to the Division of O'Connor in its next phase of the deliberations.

I'd be happy to discuss this matter further with you and can be contacted via email [REDACTED] or mobile [REDACTED].

The GVROC look forward to seeing the determination by the Redistribution Committee for WA at the Australian Electoral Commission on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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President – Shire of Coolgardie

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