

Mr Craig Watts Chief Executive Officer Shire of Merredin PO Box 42 MERREDIN WA 6415

Dear Mr Watts,

Written Agreement: 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election

I refer to your correspondence dated 6 February 2025 in which you accept the Western Australian Electoral Commission's Cost Estimate for the 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election, as outlined in my letter to you dated 12 December 2024 (the Cost Estimates Letter).

This letter is my written agreement to be responsible for the conduct of the local government ordinary election for the Shire of Merredin. In order to finalise this agreement, you are required under *the Local Government Act 1995* to submit the following motions to Council for a postal election:

- 1. declare, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act1995, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2025 ordinary election, together with any other elections or polls which may be required;
- 2. decide, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the method of conducting the election will be as a Postal election.

Please note that:

- the above motion/s must be presented to Council as drafted and cannot be amended in any way;
- both the Cost Estimates Letter, and this Written Agreement Letter should be attached to the item for Council consideration; and
- the above motion/s must be passed by an absolute majority.

Once the Council passes the above mentioned motion/s, please forward confirmation to the Commission to the email address below. The Commission can then proceed with arrangements for your ordinary election.

If you have any queries, please contact lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Robert Kennedy ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

7 February 2025