



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission

Paul Martin  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale  
6 Paterson Street  
Mundijong WA 6123

Dear Mr Martin,

***Long Term Agreement to conduct Elections with the Western Australian Electoral Commission***

I am writing to advise that changes to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) that were enacted in July 2023 have necessitated a review of Long-Term Agreements that the Western Australian Electoral Commission (the Commission) has with Local Governments.

We have been advised that provision of a Long-Term Agreement poses a risk to local governments without the Commission providing a cost estimate first as costs change.

As a result, the Commission will need to discontinue any Long-Term Agreements we have with the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. In future your organisation will need to contact the Commission each time it is necessary to conduct an election and the Commission staff will guide you through the appropriate processes set out in the Act for the Council to request the WA Electoral Commission conduct the election.

I regret any inconvenience this may cause but you will appreciate when it comes to elections it is important that the appropriate legislative provisions are observed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Kennedy'.

Robert Kennedy  
**ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

04 July 2024