



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

Dear Mr Watts,

Written Agreement: 2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 March 2026 in which you accept to take the Western Australian Electoral Commission's cost estimate for your 2026 local government extraordinary election to your next Council meeting.

I am pleased to provide this letter as my written agreement to be responsible for the conduct of your local government extraordinary election. In order to finalise this agreement, please submit the following motions to Council for a postal election as required under the *Local Government Act 1995*:

1. declare, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2026 extraordinary 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:

- the above motions must be presented to Council as drafted and cannot be amended in any way
- both the Cost Estimate letter, and this Written Agreement letter should be attached to the item for Council's consideration
- the above motions must be passed by an absolute majority

Once the Council passes the above mentioned motions, please forward confirmation to us via the email address below. We will then proceed with arrangements for your ordinary election.

The WA Electoral Commission is available to you to provide any further advice or support. For any queries, please contact please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events via email at lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D O'Reilly".

Dennis O'Reilly
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

17 March 2026