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

Dear Mr Martin 

### Section 4.15 Fresh Election

I refer to your letter dated 12 July advising of Council's decision to request my agreement to be responsible for the conduct of the fresh election and that it be conducted as a voting in-person election.

The estimated cost for the Commission to conduct the fresh election if conducted as a voting in-person election is \$22,000 inc GST, which has been based on the following assumptions:

- 7,500 electors
- response rate of approximately 25%
- Two polling places in the Ward
- count to be conducted at the offices of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

Costs not incorporated in this estimate include:

- non-statutory advertising (i.e.any additional advertisements in community newspapers and promotional advertising)
- Hire cost of venues to be used as polling places
- any legal expenses other than those that are determined to be borne by the Western Australian Electoral Commission in a Court of Disputed Returns

The Commission is required by the Local Government Act to conduct local government elections on a full cost recovery basis and you should note that this is an estimate only and may vary depending on a range of factors. The basis for charges is all materials at cost and a margin on staff time only.

I hereby give my agreement, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to be responsible for the conduct of the local government fresh election for the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale on a day to be fixed by Court of Disputed Returns in accordance with orders made by the Court on 1 July 2022.

Council would need to pass the following motion by absolute majority:

- 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 fresh election.

I have enclosed an election schedule for the suggested election date of Saturday 22 October 2022.

If you have any further queries please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events, on

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R Kennedy".

Robert Kennedy  
**ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

15 July 2022