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Electoral Commission

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Dear Mr Martin

Thank you for your letter dated 22 October 2021 advising of the Council's resolution concerning the outcome of the recent election.

The Commission has examined the report of the Returning Officer and other matters concerning the election in all wards of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and concluded that no evidence in the Commission's possession would have been likely to affect the declared result to the extent that an invalidity complaint should be initiated by the Commission.

Obviously aspects of the election process have been marred by the charging of individuals with stealing voting packages however those packages obtained as part of the police investigation were immediately cancelled and reissued to affected electors. The Commission takes allegations of potential electoral offences under the *Local Government Act 1995* very seriously. Should an investigation be ongoing you would appreciate that the Commission could not comment before its conclusion.

In all other respects the Commission is satisfied that the election in the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale was conducted appropriately.

I will endeavour to keep the Shire informed, via yourself, of any developments in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Kennedy".

Robert Kennedy  
**ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

3 November 2021