

# SETTING THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

## COUNTRY REGIONS

The *Electoral Act* specifies that the Mining and Pastoral Region must encompass an area that is remote from Perth and where the land use is primarily for mining and pastoral purposes. The Agricultural Region is required to comprise an area in which the land use is primarily for agricultural purposes, while the South West Region is now required to include coastal and forest areas in the south-west of the State.

The legislation requires the Commissioners to determine where the region boundaries should be established and the number of districts within each region. In determining the region boundaries, the Commissioners have taken into account the various factors specified in section 16I of the *Electoral Act*. The application of these legislative criteria to the number of electors enrolled at the relevant date has resulted in the country regions containing the number of districts shown in the country area summary. Unlike the metropolitan regions, there is no legislative requirement that country regions have an approximately equal number of districts.

Having regard to the land use descriptors which must be applied to the determination of country region boundaries, the numbers of electors in the areas meeting the legislative descriptions of the Agricultural and South West Regions effectively determined the numbers of districts in each of those regions. The Commissioners also found that the respective region boundaries required some degree of adjustment from the 2003 boundaries to better balance communities of interest.

## Country Area Summary

Country Regions	Legislative Council Members	Legislative Assembly Districts	No. of Electors (inc. LDA)	Average No. of Electors per MLC (not inc. LDA)
Agricultural	6	4	82,479	13,747
Mining and Pastoral	6	5	107,985	12,296
South West	6	8	167,871	27,979
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>358,335</b>	<b>19,907</b>

LDA = Large District Allowance



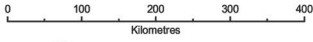
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# ELECTORAL REGIONS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Determined on 29 October 2007

**REGION** Electoral Region Boundary

**DISTRICT** Electoral District Boundary



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TIMOR SEA

KUNUNURRA

DERBY

BROOME

INDIAN OCEAN

PORT HEDLAND

KARRATHA

CARNARVON

MINING AND PASTORAL  
REGION

WARBURTON

NORTHERN TERRITORY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

INDIAN  
OCEAN

METROPOLITAN  
REGIONS  
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Electoral Regions Map

PERTH

MERREDIN

AGRICULTURAL  
REGION

BUNBURY

WAGIN

MARGARET RIVER

SOUTH  
WEST  
REGION

ALBANY

BOULDER

KALGOORLIE

ESPERANCE

GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

SOUTHERN OCEAN