

The 2015 distribution – detailed proposals

Country regions

The configuration of the three country regions has been materially affected by the decision to propose the reduction of the number of districts from 17 to 16. The alteration of regional boundaries between the country regions is largely a consequence of that decision.

Table 3: Numbers of parliamentary representatives and electors by Country region

Country region	No. of Legislative Council representatives per region (6 per region)	No. of Legislative Assembly representatives per region (1 per district)	Number of electors at close of electoral roll (9 March 2015)	Area (sq km)
Agricultural	6	4	98,015	259,135
Mining and Pastoral ¹	6	4	97,325	2,222,183
South West	6	8	205,270	44,870
Total ¹	18	16	400,610	2,526,188
Average district enrolment – Country			25,038	
VFADE ²			+ 0.46%	

¹ Includes Large District Allowance.

² Variation from average district enrolment at 9 March 2015, includes large district allowance for districts in Mining & Pastoral Region.

Agricultural Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that four districts be situated in the Agricultural Region, the same number as there are at present.

Central Wheatbelt

Gains: Shires of Westonia, Yilgarn, Wandering, Boddington, Pingelly, Cuballing, Williams and West Arthur

Cedes: Shires of Koorda, Wongan-Ballidu, Dowerin and Goomalling

Geraldton no change

Moore

Gains: Shires of Koorda, Wongan-Ballidu, Dowerin and Goomalling

Wagin (Proposal to rename **Roe**)

Gains: Shire of Ravensthorpe and parts of Shire of Esperance (includes the localities of North Cascade, Cascade, East Munglinup, Lort River, Coomalbidgup, Salmon Gums, Grass Patch, Scaddan, Gibson, Dalyup, Monjingup, Pink Lake, Chadwick, Nulsen, Sinclair, Esperance, West Beach, Castletown, Windabout, Mount Ney, Wittenoom Hills, Neridup, Merivale, Myrup, Bandy Creek, Cape Le Grand and Condingup)

Cedes: Shires of Jerramungup to the Albany district
Shire of Plantagenet and the remaining Stirling Range National Park locality
Shires of Wandering, Boddington, Pingelly, Cuballing, Williams and West Arthur

Agricultural Region gains the Shire of Yilgarn, Westonia, Ravensthorpe and the western localities of the Shire of Esperance from the Mining and Pastoral Region, and cedes the Shire of Jerramungup, the Shire of Plantagenet and the remaining of Stirling Range National Park locality.

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 4.

Table 4: Agricultural Region and Districts – Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE ¹ (9 March 2015)	Area (sq km)
Central Wheatbelt	24,962	+ 0.16%	97,669
Geraldton	23,205	- 6.89%	1,798
Moore	26,368	+ 5.80%	81,729
Wagin (Roe) ²	23,480	- 5.79%	77,939
Total	98,015		259,135

¹ Average District Enrolment.

² Note that boundaries of newly named district do not correspond with former district boundaries.

MINING AND PASTORAL
REGION

AGRICULTURAL REGION

GERALDTON
(includes
Houtman Abrolhos
islands)

MOORE

**CENTRAL
WHEATBELT**

**WAGIN
(ROE)**

**SOUTH WEST
REGION**

Kalbarri

Geraldton

Mullewa

Morowa

Carnamah

Jurien Bay

Moor

Koorda

Bencubbin

Dowerin

Goomalling

Wyalkatchem

Southern Cross

Toodyay

Northam

Meckering

**CENTRAL
WHEATBELT**

York

Corrigin

Hyden

Pingelly

Wandering

Wickepin

Kulin

Boddington

Narrogin

Newdegate

Williams

Narrogin

**WAGIN
(ROE)**

Williams

Narrogin

Darkan

Wagin

Ravensthorpe

Kojonup

Hopetoun

Esperance

Frankland

Cranbrook

0 100
kilometres





Commentary

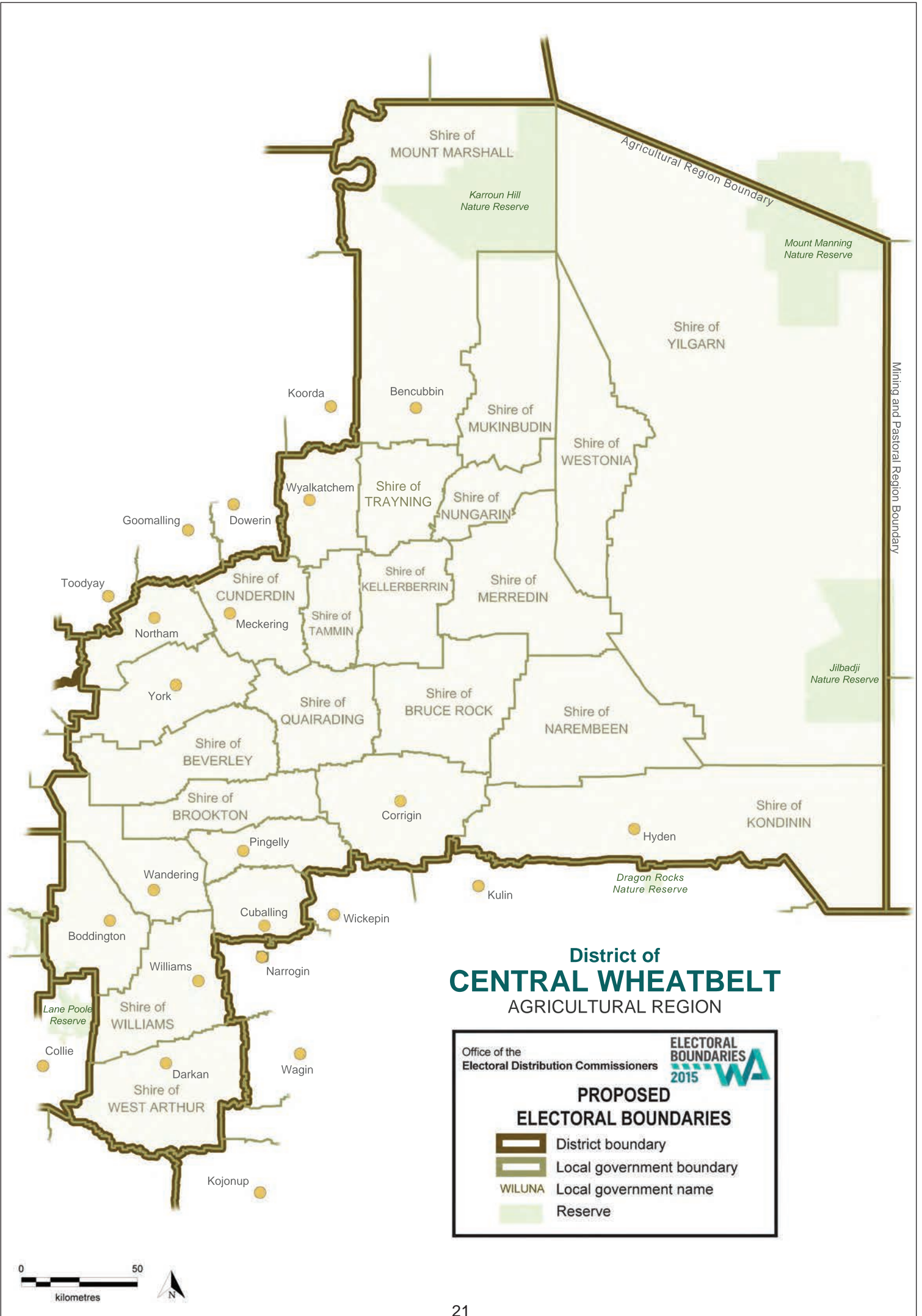
Some of the reasoning behind changes to districts in this Region has been disclosed in the discussion about the critical issue of the reapportionment of districts between regions. One significant change is the revision of the boundary with the Mining and Pastoral Region.

As a consequence of the proposal to abolish the district of Eyre in the Mining and Pastoral Region, the Commissioners propose to amalgamate parts of that district with the district formerly known as Wagin. The Shires of Yilgarn and Westonia have much in common with the adjoining district of Central Wheatbelt and will also be included in the Agricultural Region. The reallocation of various Shires as between Wagin and Central Wheatbelt and as between Central Wheatbelt and Moore was made necessary by the need to balance numbers. The predominant land use in all of these areas is agricultural.

There are two main reasons behind the proposal to split the Shire of Esperance. First, the predominant land use in northern and eastern parts of the Shire is mining and (or) pastoral and this allows them to be included in the Kalgoorlie district of the Mining and Pastoral Region. Secondly, if the whole of the Shire were to have been included in Roe the geographic area would exceed 100,000 square kilometres and the Commissioners feel it is preferable not to have one only of the four districts in the Agricultural Region with an LDA.

In the 2011 distribution the Shire of Plantagenet was transferred to Wagin because of the pressure of numbers and in the face of objections from individuals and organisations in the local area on community of interest grounds. This time it is possible to acknowledge those communities of interest and for Plantagenet to revert to Warren-Blackwood.

With the changes proposed for the district of Wagin, the town that previously lent its name to the region will now be located towards the periphery of the region. It is therefore proposed to rename this district Roe. The reconfigured district includes much (although not all) of the land area situated in a district that existed under the name Roe for most of the time between 1950 and the 2007 distribution. John Septimus Roe was an early colonial explorer and Surveyor General.



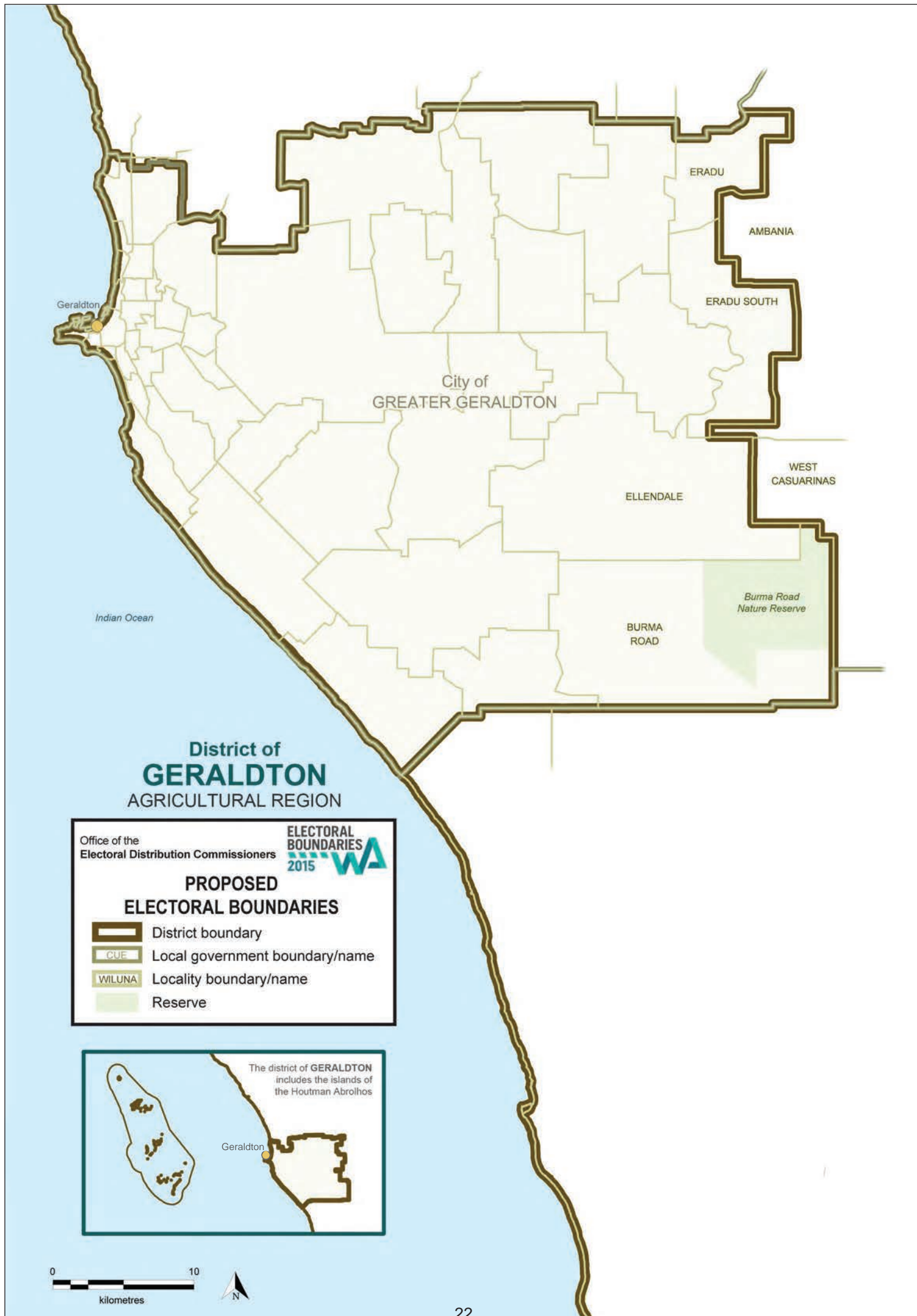
District of
CENTRAL WHEATBELT
 AGRICULTURAL REGION

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PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

-  District boundary
-  Local government boundary
-  Local government name
-  Reserve



District of
GERALDTON
AGRICULTURAL REGION

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The district of GERALDTON includes the islands of the Houtman Abrolhos

Geraldton







District of MOORE

AGRICULTURAL REGION

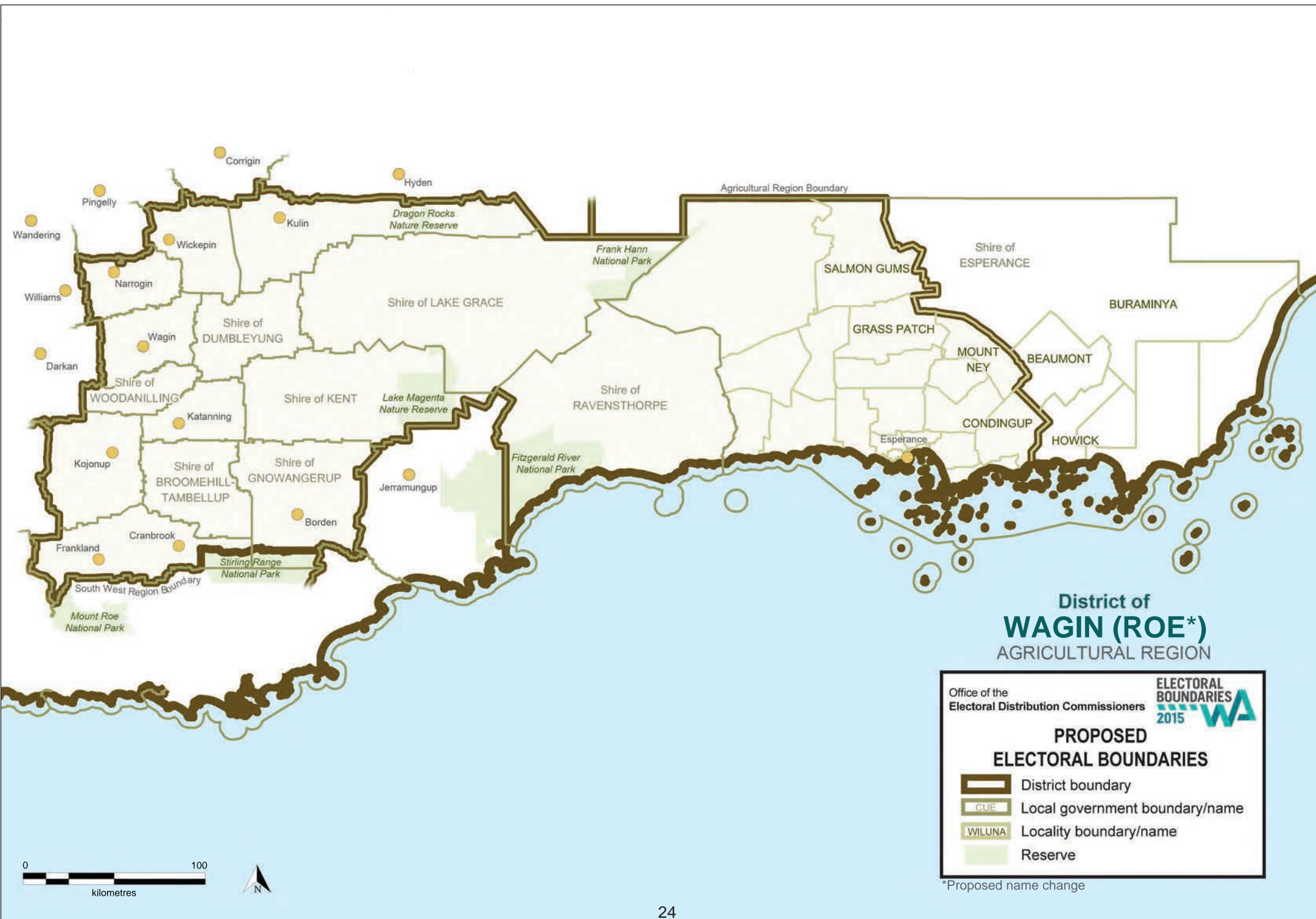
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Mining and Pastoral Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that the number of districts in the Mining and Pastoral Region be reduced from five to four and that there be consequent changes in regional boundaries.

Eyre abolished

Kalgoorlie

Gains: Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, the remainder of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and parts of Shire of Esperance (includes the localities of Buraminy, Beaumont, Howick, Boyatup, Cape Arid and Israelite Bay)

Cedes: Shires of Ngaanyatjarraku, Leonora and parts of the Shire of Laverton (includes the localities of Laverton, Bandy, Cosmo Newberry and Lake Wells)

Kimberley no change

North West Central

Gains: Shires of Ngaanyatjarraku, Leonora and parts of the Shire of Laverton (includes the localities of Laverton, Bandy, Cosmo Newberry and Lake Wells)

Pilbara no change

Mining and Pastoral Region cedes the Shire of Ravensthorpe, Yilgarn and Westonia and the western localities of the Shire of Esperance to the Agricultural Region.

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 5.

Table 5: Mining and Pastoral Region and Districts – Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Large District Allowance (LDA)	Electors (including LDA after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE ¹ (9 March 2015)	Area (sq km)
Kalgoorlie	17,853	7,270	25,123	+ 0.80%	484,639
Kimberley	16,867	6,315	23,182	- 6.99%	421,011
North West Central	11,430	13,650	25,080	+ 0.63%	910,010
Pilbara	17,842	6,098	23,940	- 3.94%	406,523
Total	63,992	33,333	97,325		2,222,183

¹ Average District Enrolment.

MINING AND PASTORAL REGION

KIMBERLEY

PILBARA

NORTH WEST CENTRAL

KALGOORLIE

AGRICULTURAL REGION

Wyndham
Kununnurra

Broome

Derby

Fitzroy Crossing

Halls Creek

Port Hedland

Karratha

Marble Bar

Nullagine

Exmouth

Onslow

Pannawonica

Tom Price

Paraburdoo

Newman

Coral Bay

Cararvon

Denham

Wiluna

Cue

Leinster

Kalbarri

Yalgoo

Laverton

Leonora

Menzies

Coolgardie

Kalgoorlie

Kambalda

Norseman





Commentary

With the proposed abolition of Eyre (the reasons for which have been set out above) the former five districts in the Mining and Pastoral Region will need to be reconfigured to four.

The districts of Kimberley and Pilbara have well defined boundaries (generally following local government boundaries) and settled communities of interest. The Commissioners believe that it is possible and desirable to reconfigure the Mining and Pastoral Region without making changes to either of those districts.

Once the decision had been taken that the district to be abolished should be Eyre, the Commissioners had to decide how the areas covered by Eyre should be allocated. The proposals to transfer some of those areas to districts in the Agricultural Region have already been set out. It then fell to consider what proposals should be made for reconfiguring the districts of North West Central and Kalgoorlie.

The proposals are influenced by the need to increase numbers in North West Central. For example, the population of Laverton township was transferred to North West Central but not the entire Shire. The proposal for the Shires of Ngaanyatjarraku, Leonora and parts of Laverton to be included in North West Central has been dictated by the need to bring the district within the permitted tolerance range and notwithstanding what has to be acknowledged as ties enjoyed by those entities to the regional centre of Kalgoorlie. Community of interest was a strong factor in the proposals to rejoin the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and to keep Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Coolgardie together (they have previously been split between Kalgoorlie and Eyre.)

The Commissioners considered renaming North West Central after an historical figure such as Dirk Hartog (who in the early 17th century landed on the Western Australian shores near Shark Bay). However, the Commissioners note that this district was renamed at the last distribution and the name is a reasonably apt description of the geographical area in which it is located. In the interest of stability the Commissioners have decided not to propose a change of name for this district.

They also considered changing the name of Kalgoorlie to Goldfields. However, given that the locality of Kalgoorlie has been an integral part of the Western Australian story and as it is reasonably central to the reconfigured district, the Commissioners do not propose a name change for this electoral unit.

District of KALGOORLIE

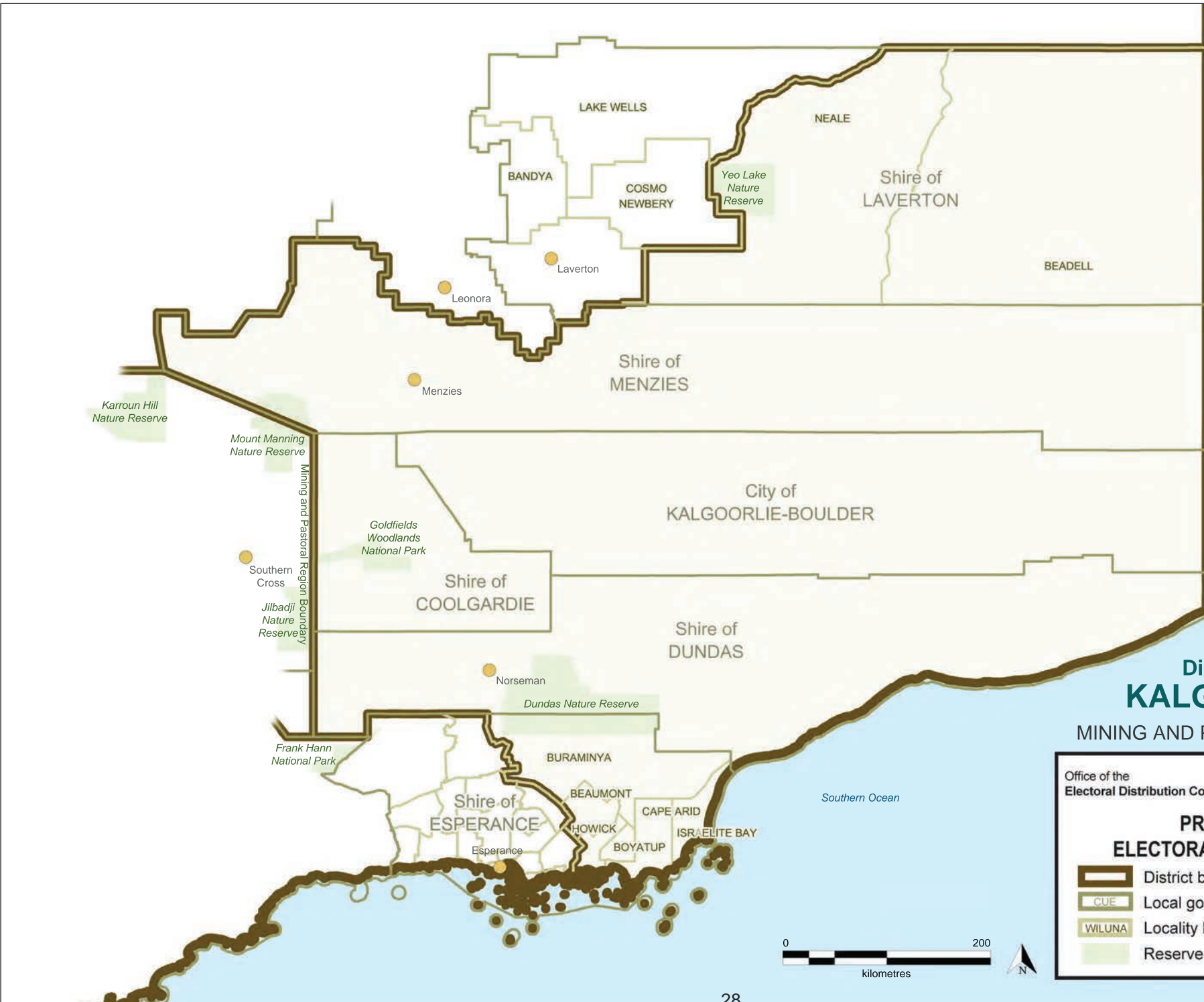
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-  CUE Local government boundary/name
-  WILUNA Locality boundary/name
-  Reserve





District of KIMBERLEY

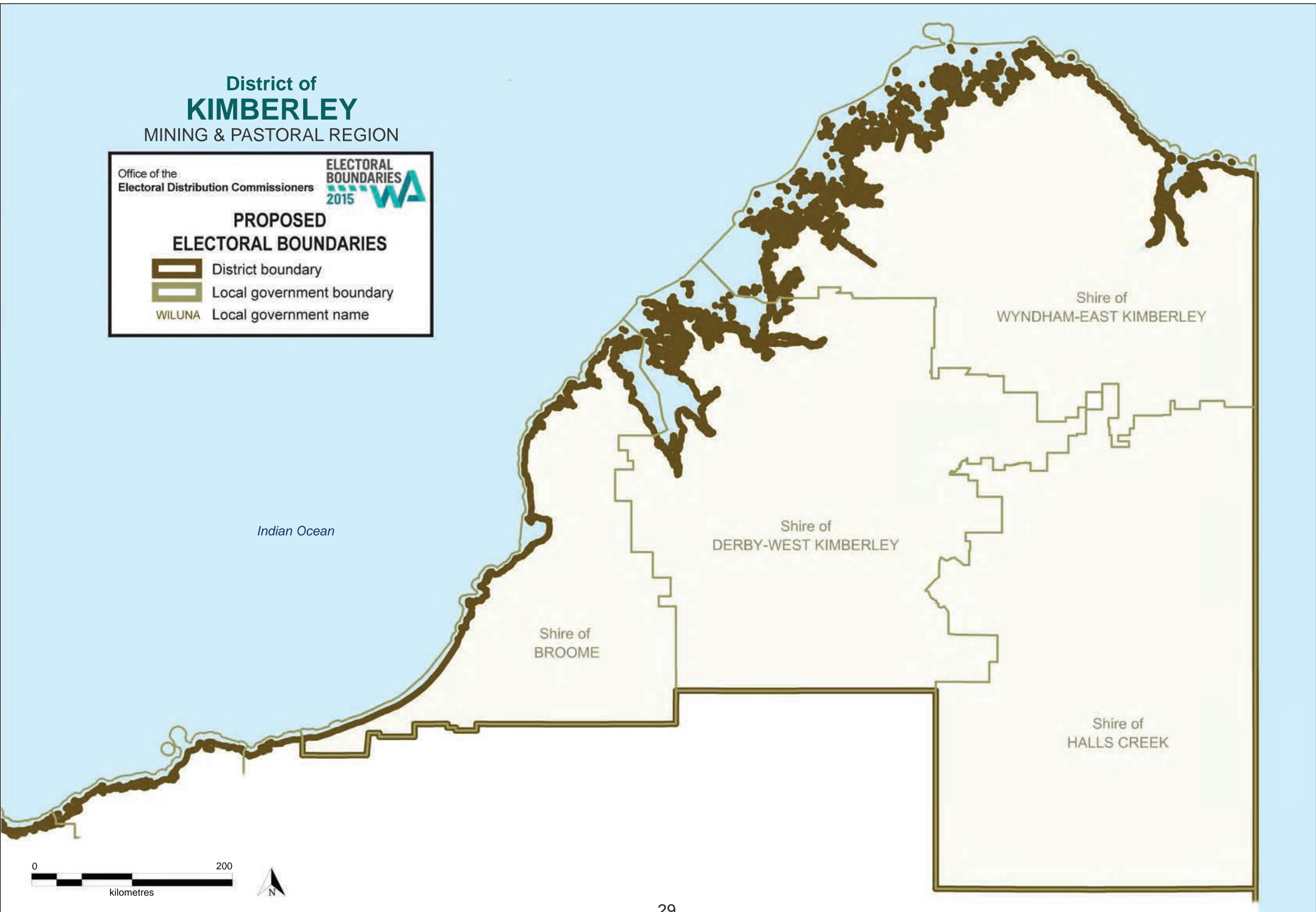
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PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

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-  Local government boundary
- WILUNA Local government name



District of NORTH WEST CENTRAL

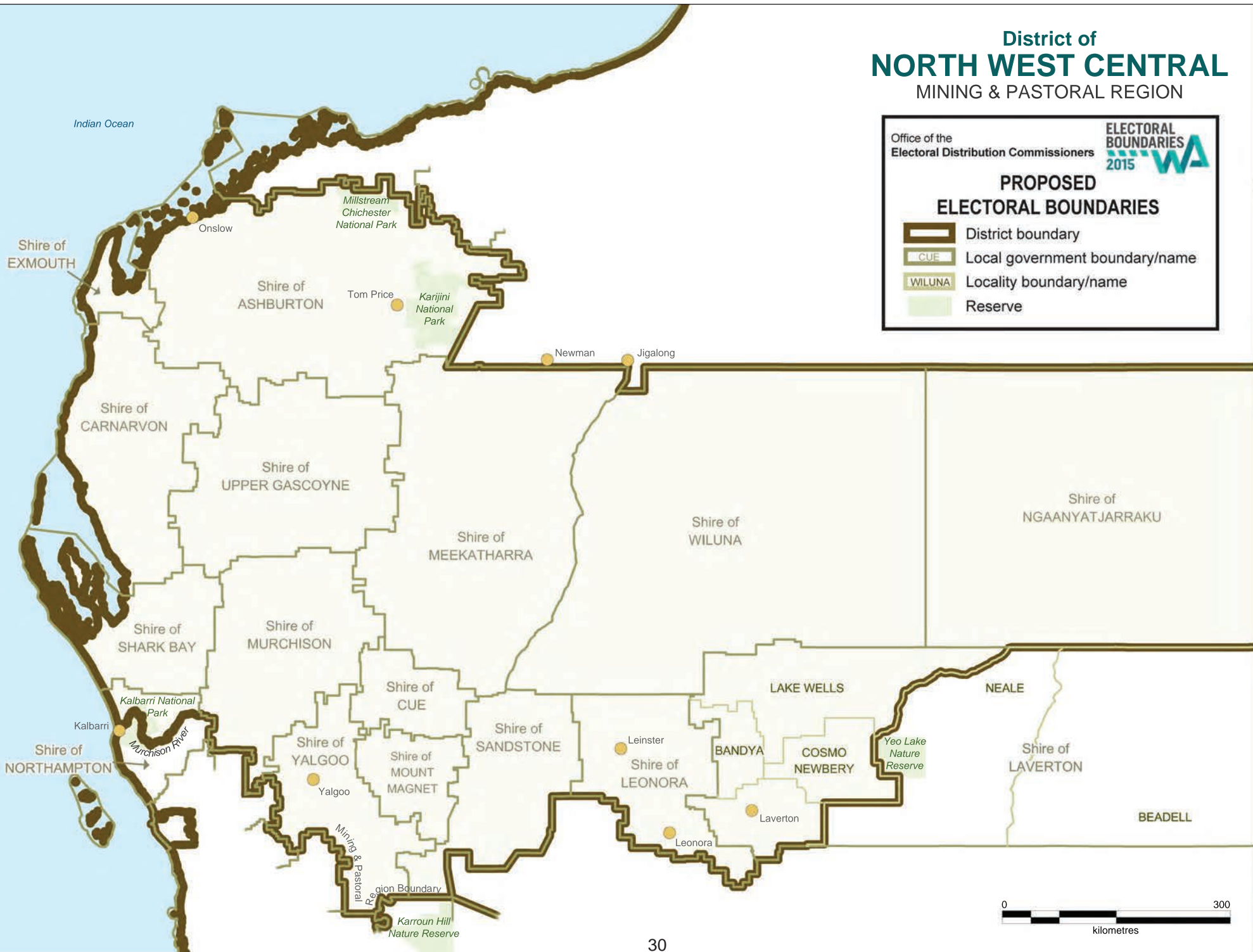
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District of PILBARA

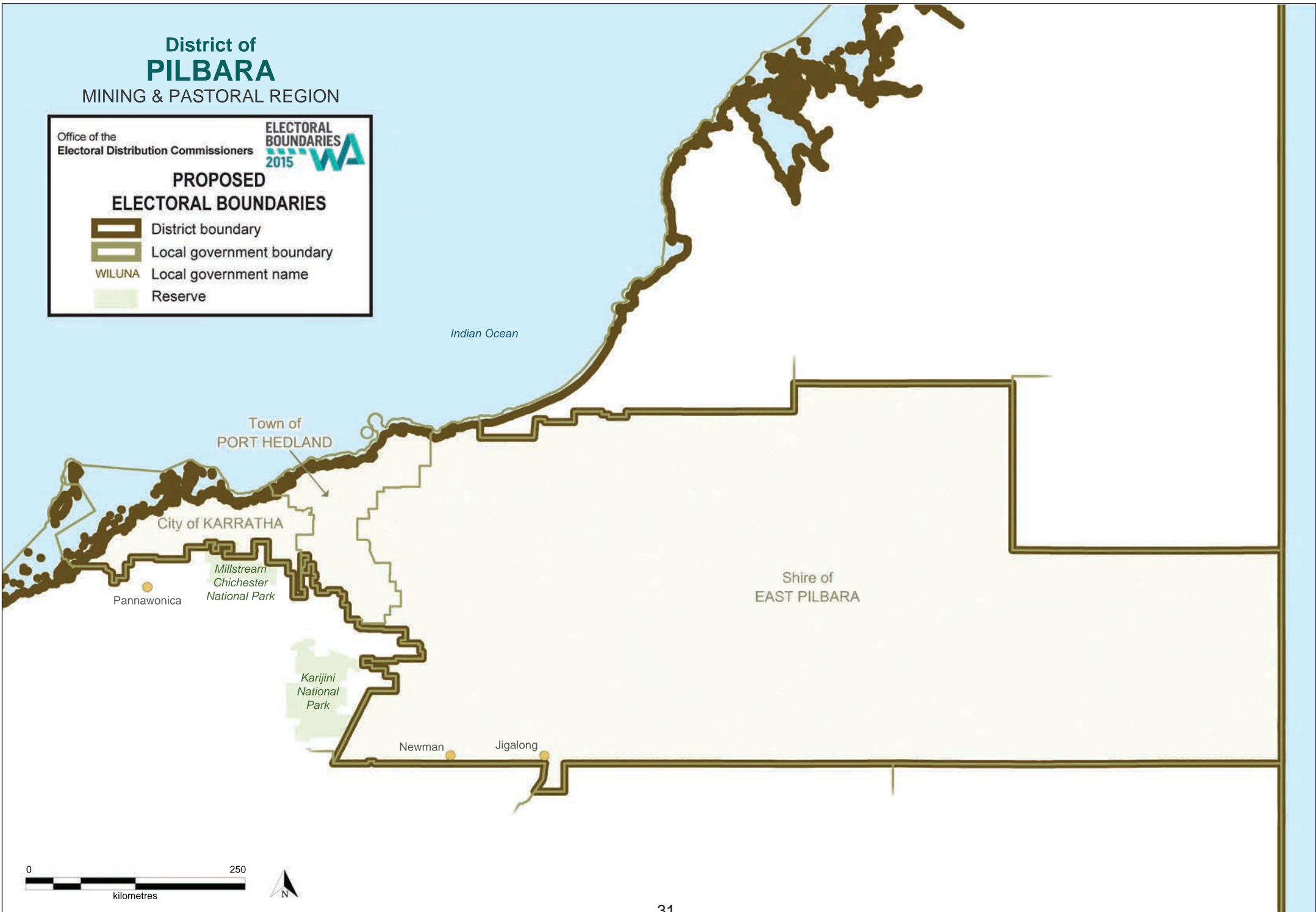
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-  WILUNA Local government name
-  Reserve





South West Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that eight districts be situated in the South West Region, the same number as there is at present.

Albany

Gains: Shire of Jerramungup

Bunbury

Gains: Dalyellup

Cedes: remainder of Australind

Collie-Preston (proposed to rename as **Collie-Capel**)

Gains: remainder of Vasse (includes the localities of Geographe, Reinscourt, Yalyalup, Yoongarillup, Sabina River, Hithergreen, Abba River, Ruabon, Wonnerup, Tutunup, Yoganupa and Jarrahwood), remainder of Ludlow and Australind south of Paris Road

Cedes: Dalyellup

Dawesville no change

Mandurah no change

Murray-Wellington no change

Vasse

Gains: localities of Boranup, Redgate, Gnarabup, Prevelly and the remainder of Forest Grove, Witchcliffe, Margaret River, Burnside and Gracetown

Cedes: remainder of Vasse (includes the localities of Geographe, Reinscourt, Yalyalup, Yoongarillup, Sabina River, Hithergreen, Abba River, Ruabon, Wonnerup, Tutunup, Yoganup and Jarrahwood), remainder of Ludlow and Australind south of Paris Road

Warren-Blackwood (proposed to rename as **Molloy**)

Gains: Shire of Plantagenet and the remainder of the Stirling Range National Park locality

Cedes: localities of Boranup, Redgate, Gnarabup, Prevelly and the remainder of Forest Grove, Witchcliffe, Margaret River, Burnside and Gracetown

South West Region gains the Shire of Jerramungup, the Shire of Plantagenet and the remaining of Stirling Range National Park locality

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 6.

Table 6: South West Region and Districts – Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE ¹ (9 March 2015)	Area (sq km)
Albany	25,011	+ 0.35%	10,820
Bunbury	25,537	+ 2.46%	82
Collie-Preston (Collie-Capel) ²	26,942	+ 8.10%	3,434
Dawesville	26,511	+ 6.37%	128
Mandurah	25,296	+ 1.50%	71
Murray-Wellington	25,295	+ 1.49%	4,232
Vasse	25,979	+ 4.24%	2,297
Warren-Blackwood (Molloy) ²	24,699	- 0.90%	23,806
Total	205,270		44,870

¹ Average District Enrolment.

² Note that boundaries of newly named district do not correspond with former district boundaries.





Commentary

The majority of submissions relating to the South West Region suggested that minimal change was required, given that all electorates were within the permitted tolerance range enrolment limits. The Commissioners propose that eight districts be situated in the region, the same as at present. Generally speaking, the Commissioners have attempted to limit the range and extent of change in this Region, but some is deemed necessary particularly to accommodate the flow on effects of changes in the adjoining Agricultural Region. This includes the transfer of the Shire of Jerramungup from Wagin to Albany. The Commissioners understand that residents in the Shire of Jerramungup generally regard Albany as their regional centre and as the district of Albany already includes areas where the land use is agricultural (as well as the town centre) there ought not to be any adverse community of interest implications.

Noting that the name of the current district of Warren-Blackwood has varied in the past depending upon the localities within it, the Commissioners propose that it be renamed Molloy in recognition of the renowned botanist and early settler Georgiana Molloy who lived and worked in the area. The Commissioners invite public feedback on the proposed name, an alternative being to revert to the district's former name of Blackwood-Stirling, noting that the district as proposed will regain the Stirling Range National Park.

The proposals to realign the boundaries between Vasse and Warren-Blackwood (Molloy) will permit the township of Margaret River (although not the entire locality) to be reunited in the one district. Otherwise, the changes proposed for Vasse and Warren-Blackwood (Molloy) and for Vasse and Collie-Preston (Collie-Capel) are largely dictated by the desirability and (or) necessity

of balancing elector numbers. The same can be said for boundary adjustments proposed for the districts of Bunbury and Murray-Wellington.

As the Commissioners understand it, the nomenclature 'Preston' in the name Collie-Preston is to recognise the Preston Valley in the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup. In the 2011 distribution the Shire of Donnybrook (and hence the Preston Valley) was removed from Collie-Preston but the name was not altered. So as better to reflect the geographical coverage of this district, the Commissioners propose that Collie-Preston be renamed Collie-Capel, recognising two of the main shires in the area. Again, the Commissioners invite comment on the proposed name change.

Although the Bunbury district is within permissible limits, Greater Bunbury (City of Bunbury, Australind and Dalyellup) is currently spread over three districts. While it was possible to add Dalyellup to the Bunbury district it was not possible also to add all of Australind. The consequence of this proposal is that Australind will now be split between Collie-Preston and Murray-Wellington.

Noting that Mandurah and Murray-Wellington are adjacent to the boundary with the southern metropolitan area, they have been retained unchanged with low VFADEs (+ 1.50 percent and + 1.49 per cent respectively). The Commissioners are mindful of the new urban developments stretching southwards through the South Metropolitan Region and, consistent with these trends of demographic change, have allowed for growth of electors in localities such as Keralup and Lakelands which are immediately adjacent to current urban development along the Kwinana Freeway and the Greater Peel area.

District of ALBANY

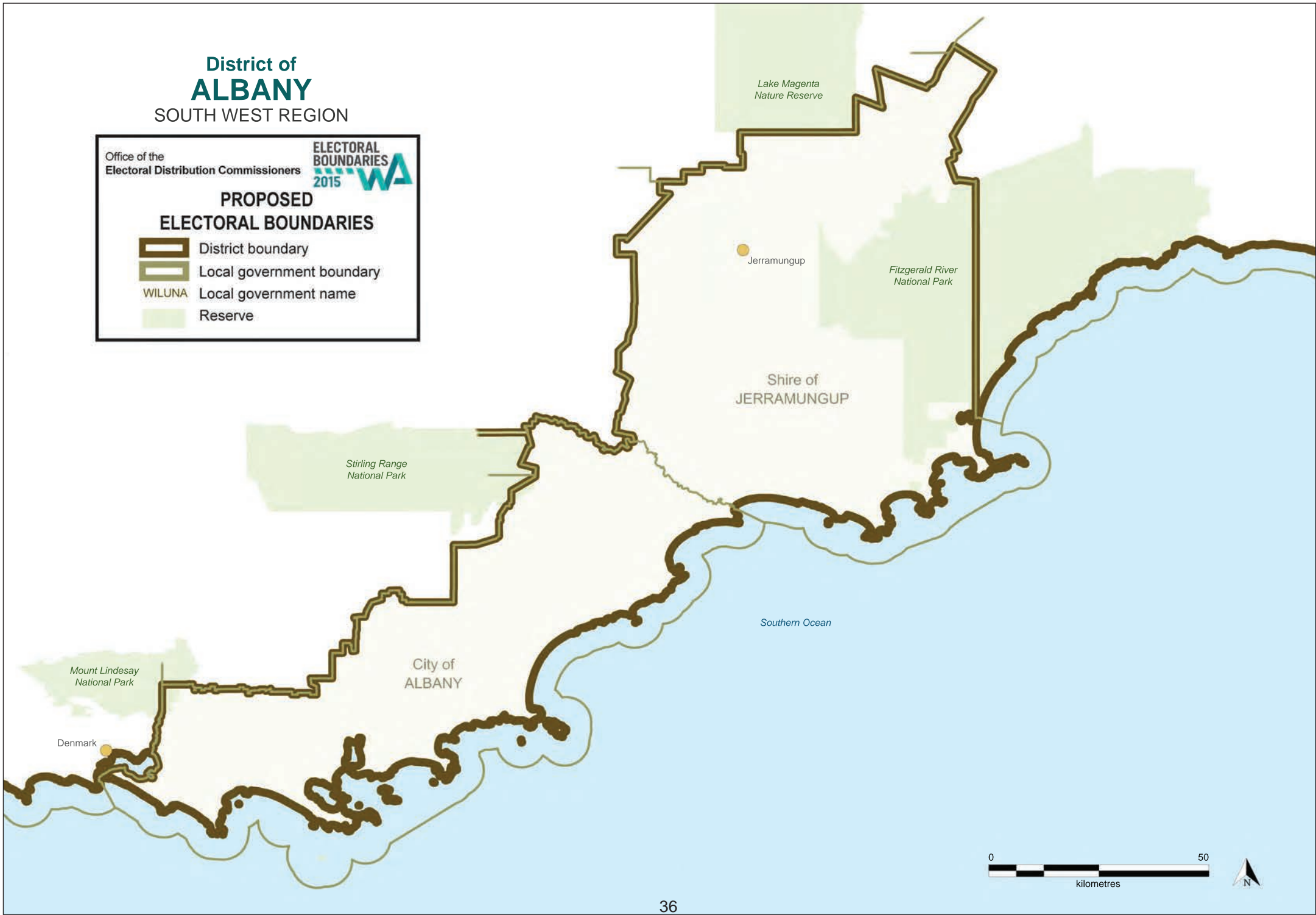
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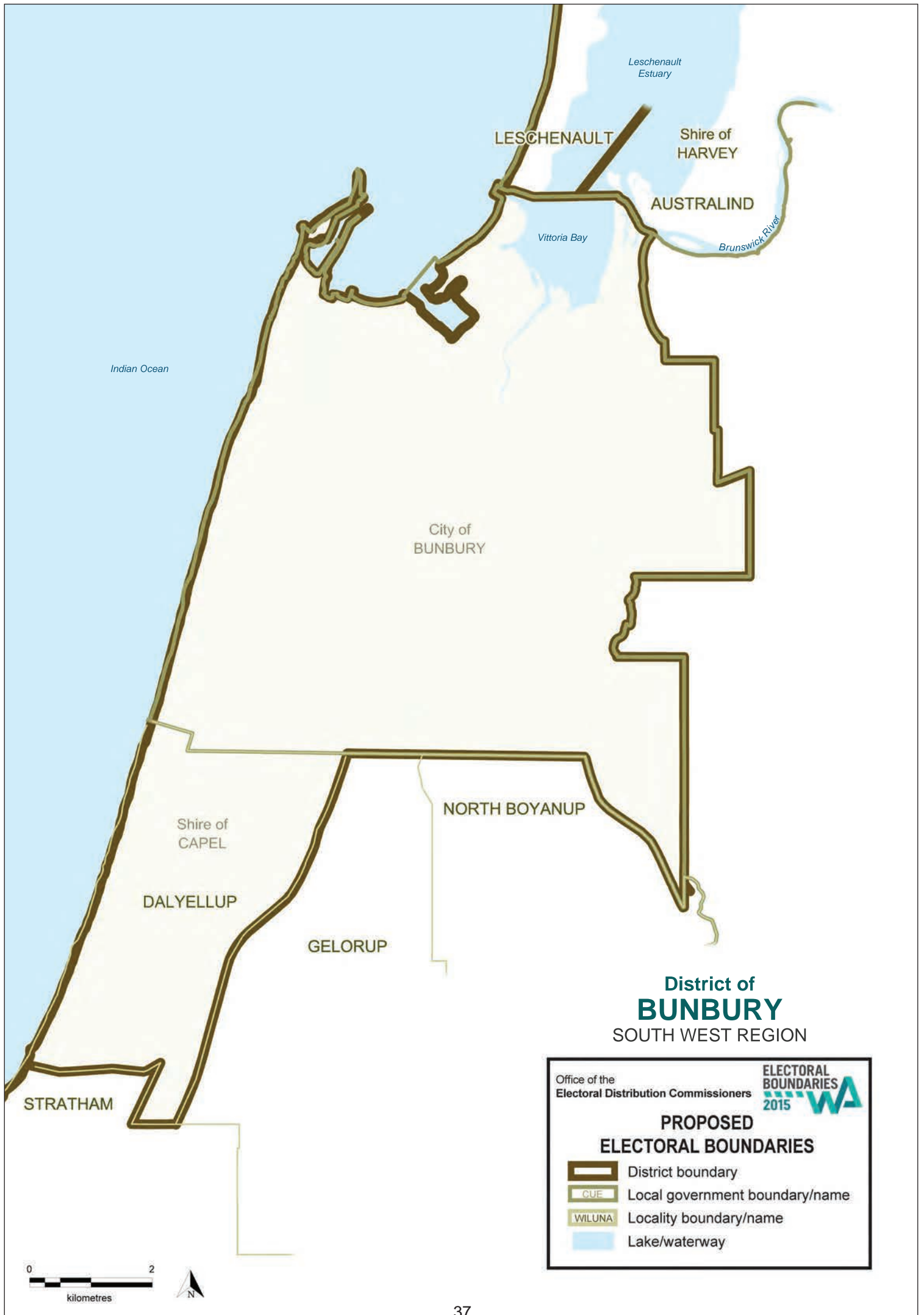
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-  District boundary
-  Local government boundary
- WILUNA** Local government name
-  Reserve





District of BUNBURY
SOUTH WEST REGION

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PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

-  District boundary
-  CUE Local government boundary/name
-  WILUNA Locality boundary/name
-  Lake/waterway








District of COLLIE-PRESTON (COLLIE-CAPEL*)

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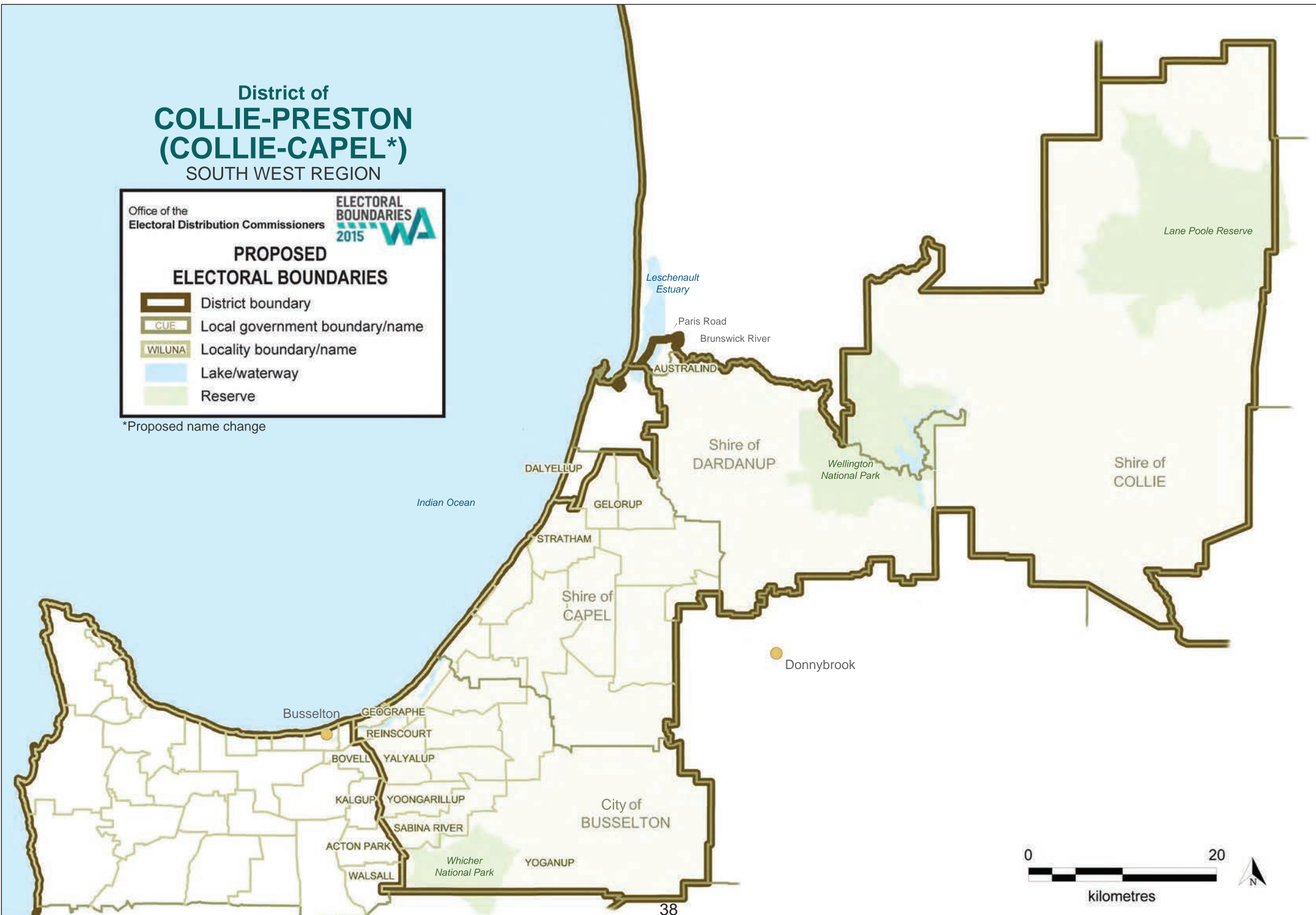
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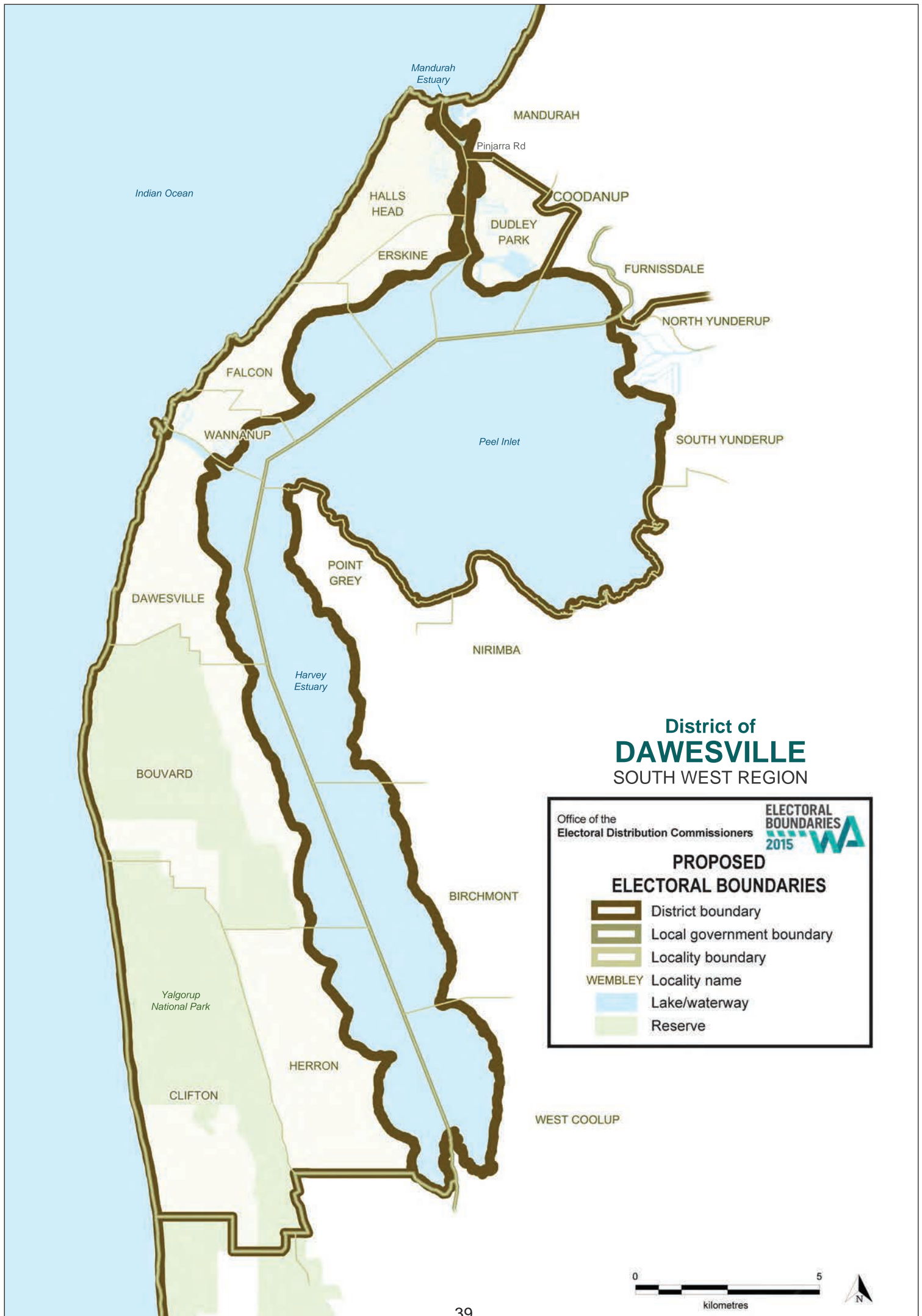
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-  WILUNA Locality boundary/name
-  Lake/waterway
-  Reserve

*Proposed name change










District of
DAWESVILLE
SOUTH WEST REGION

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-  Locality boundary
- WEMBLEY Locality name
-  Lake/waterway
-  Reserve



District of MANDURAH

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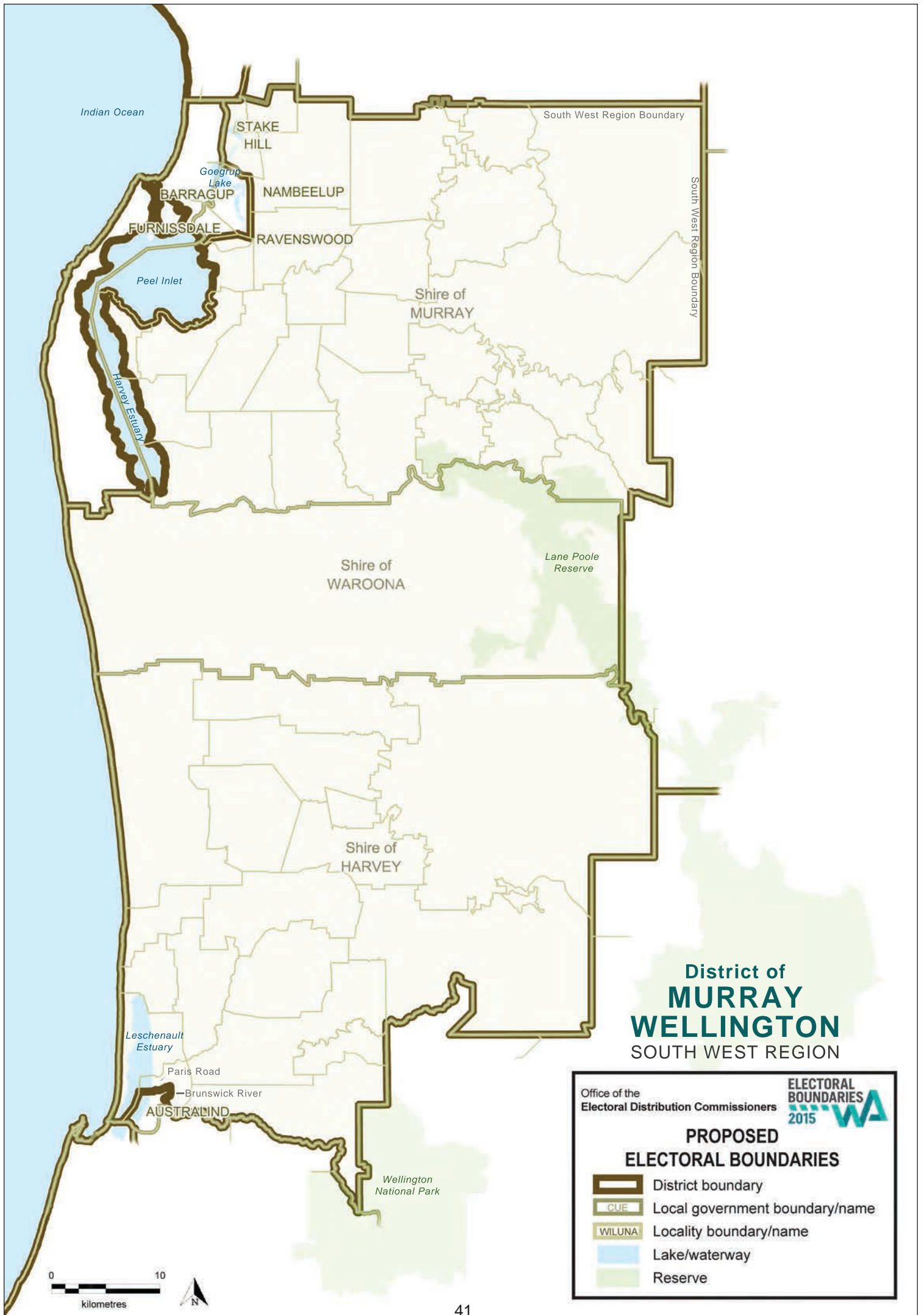
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- WEMBLEY Locality name
- Lake/waterway










District of
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WELLINGTON
 SOUTH WEST REGION

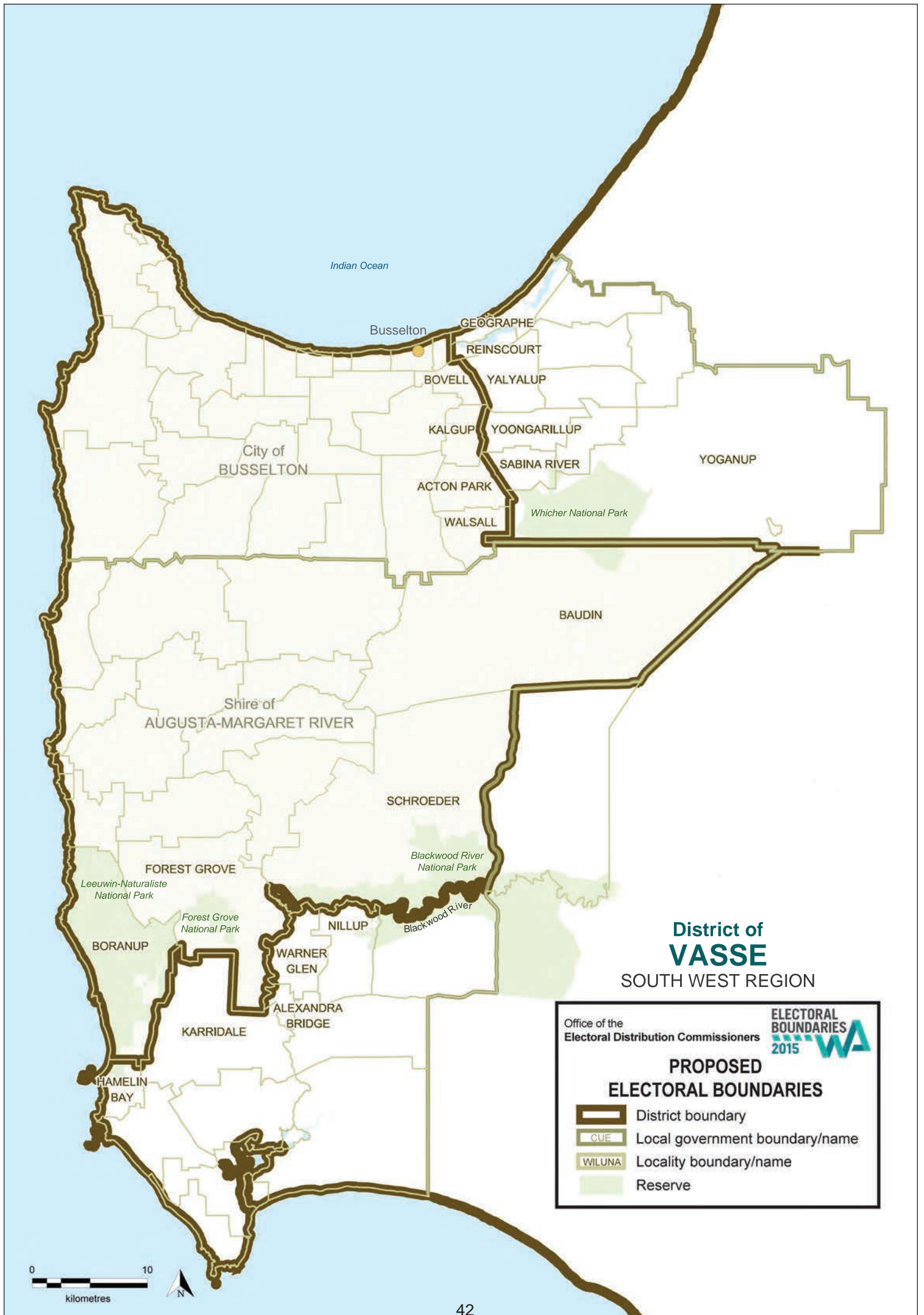
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-  WILUNA Locality boundary/name
-  Lake/waterway
-  Reserve





District of
VASSE
SOUTH WEST REGION

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



**District of
WARREN-BLACKWOOD
(MOLLOY*)**
SOUTH WEST REGION

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2015**

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-  Locality boundary/name
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-  Reserve

*Proposed name change

