Metropolitan regions

As mentioned earlier in this report, the Commissioners formed the view that above average enrolment levels across the metropolitan area (+ 5.39 per cent overall and considerably higher in the northern and southern fringes) were a significant factor in the decision to propose the creation of an additional metropolitan district.

With high growth areas on both the northern and southern metropolitan fringes, the Commissioners considered a number of options for the location of the new district. Having mapped a range of different scenarios, the Commissioners were ultimately persuaded that a new district in the South Metropolitan Region offered the best fit of metropolitan boundaries, as well as avoiding the necessity to alter the outer metropolitan boundary. The Commissioners propose that the new district be centred on the locality of Baldivis, which is projected to continue to experience a high rate of growth in future years.

As well as the creation of an additional district, the broad spread of demographic change across the metropolitan area has necessitated proposed adjustments to the boundaries of all but two existing districts, as well as a substantial realignment of the boundaries between the three metropolitan regions.

While local government boundaries throughout the metropolitan area have been taken into account in determining proposed district boundaries, the Commissioners have found that it is more difficult to utilise them as district boundaries than is the case in rural areas. Similarly, the weight of elector numbers makes it difficult to avoid some metropolitan localities being spread over more than one electoral district.

Table 7: Numbers of parliamentary representatives and electors by Metropolitan region

Metro 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)
East Metropolitan	6	14	361,688
North Metropolitan	6	14	362,922
South Metropolitan	6	15	378,564
Total	18	43	1,103,174
Average district enrolment – Metropolitan			25,655
VFADE ¹			+ 2.94%

¹ Variation from average district enrolment at 9 March 2015.

North Metropolitan Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that 14 districts be situated in the North Metropolitan Region, the same number as there is at present.

Balcatta

Gains: remainder of Osborne Park and Hamersley and Innaloo east of

Ellen Stirling Boulevard

Butler

Cedes: Banksia Grove, Pinjar, Tamala Park and Clarkson, and parts of Yanchep,

Carrabooda, Nowergup and Neerabup east of Wanneroo Road-Indian

Ocean Drive

Carine

Gains: Marmion except north of Freeman Way and Sorrento south of High Street

Cottesloe

Gains: City Beach south of Oceanic Drive and Dalkeith north of Watkins Road

Cedes: Claremont east of Bay Road and east of Victoria Avenue

Churchlands

Cedes: City Beach south of Oceanic Drive, Floreat east of Perry Lakes Drive

Joondalup

Gains: Ocean Reef and Mullaloo

Cedes: Craigie, and Joondalup locality north of Moore Drive and west of

Joondalup Drive

Hillarys

Gains: Craigie

Cedes: Marmion except north of Freeman Way and a small part of Sorrento

south of High Street

Kingsley

Gains: remainder of Warwick

Mount Lawley

Gains: Inglewood south of Wood and Stuart Streets, Maylands north of the railway

line and south of Stuart Street, and the remainder of the Mount Lawley locality

(except south of Vincent Street)

Cedes: Dianella north of Grand Promenade and the remainder of Morley

Nedlands

Gains: Floreat east of Perry Lakes Drive and Claremont east of Bay Road and

Victoria Avenue

Cedes: Dalkeith north of Watkins Road

Ocean Reef (proposed to rename as Hale)

Gains: Tamala Park, Clarkson, Neerabup west of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup

locality north of Moore Drive and west of Joondalup Drive

Cedes: Ocean Reef and Mullaloo

Perth

Cedes: remainder of Mount Lawley (except south of Vincent Street)

Scarborough

Cedes: remainder of Osborne Park, Innaloo east of Ellen Stirling Boulevard and the

north-eastern corner of Trigg

Wanneroo

Gains: Pinjar, and Yanchep, Carrabooda, Nowergup and Neerabup east of

Wanneroo Road-Indian Ocean Drive

Cedes: Mariginiup, Jandabup, Gnangara, Wangara and Wanneroo locality east of

Lenore Road

North Metropolitan Region gains Mount Lawley and cedes Girrawheen (proposed to rename as Erickson)

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 8.

Table 8: North Metropolitan Region and Districts - Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE¹ (9 March 2015)
Balcatta	26,894	+ 7.91%
Butler	23,131	- 7.19%
Carine	26,638	+ 6.88%
Churchlands	25,822	+ 3.61%
Cottesloe	26,034	+ 4.46%
Hillarys	26,546	+ 6.51%
Joondalup	26,823	+ 7.62%
Kingsley	26,192	+ 5.09%
Mount Lawley ²	26,359	+ 5.76%
Nedlands	25,441	+ 2.08%
Ocean Reef (Hale) ³	26,000	+ 4.32%
Perth	26,122	+ 4.81%
Scarborough	25,453	+ 2.13%
Wanneroo	25,467	+ 2.18%
Total	362,922	

¹ Average District Enrolment.

² Mount Lawley moved from East Metropolitan Region.

³ Note that boundaries of newly named district do not correspond with former district boundaries.



Commentary

The Commissioners propose that the North Metropolitan Region should continue to comprise 14 electoral districts. However, it is proposed to incorporate the district of Mount Lawley into the North Metropolitan Region, noting its close connection to the district of Perth which is also in this region. This will be balanced by incorporating the district of Girrawheen (Erickson) in the East Metropolitan Region as it shares an affinity to localities immediately to the east.

Cottesloe, Nedlands and Churchlands Enrolment levels in these three districts fit comfortably within the prescribed limits, necessitating minimal change.

The Commissioners propose a minor alteration to extend the northern boundary of Cottesloe to Oceanic Drive, keeping Bold Park together and connected to coastal bushland in Swanbourne. The locality of Perry Lakes which is currently split between the three districts, will largely be united in Nedlands.

The Commissioners also note that through past adherence to the locality boundary separating Claremont and Dalkeith, the delineation of electoral boundaries in that area is not well defined (partly following a fence line and a narrow laneway). An adjustment is proposed, moving the boundary between the Cottesloe and Nedlands districts to the more recognisably physical features of Bay Road and Victoria Avenue, as depicted in the maps that accompany this report.

Perth and Mount Lawley

At + 11.4 per cent, current enrolment in the Perth district is above the permitted maximum. To bring the district within the permitted tolerance range, the Commissioners propose to transfer the remainder of Mount Lawley locality to the district of Mount Lawley. Wood and Salisbury Streets in Mount Lawley were considered suitable boundaries with Wood Street appearing as a stronger through road with the added bonus of keeping the local school in the same district.

Although some submissions supported Kings Park becoming part of the district of Nedlands, the Commissioners consider that it should remain within the district of Perth as its transfer would have an inconsequential impact on elector numbers.

For adjustments to the boundaries between the districts of Maylands and Mount Lawley, see East Metropolitan Region.

Scarborough, Carine and Hillarys
Existing enrolment levels in these
districts are all within prescribed limits.
Nevertheless the Commissioners
believe some changes are necessary to
accommodate the high level of growth
further to the north, through a flow on
effect. It is proposed to add the locality of
Marmion to the district of Carine and the
locality of Craigie to Hillarys.

Butler, Wanneroo, Joondalup and Ocean Reef (Hale)

The northern fringe of the metropolitan area has seen substantial population growth. To accommodate both past and projected growth, the Commissioners propose to reconfigure the district of Butler into a clearly defined coastal strip, transferring the localities of Pinjar, and those parts of Yanchep, Carrabooda, Nowergup and Neerabup that lie east of Wanneroo Road, to the district of Wanneroo which has a more inland orientation.

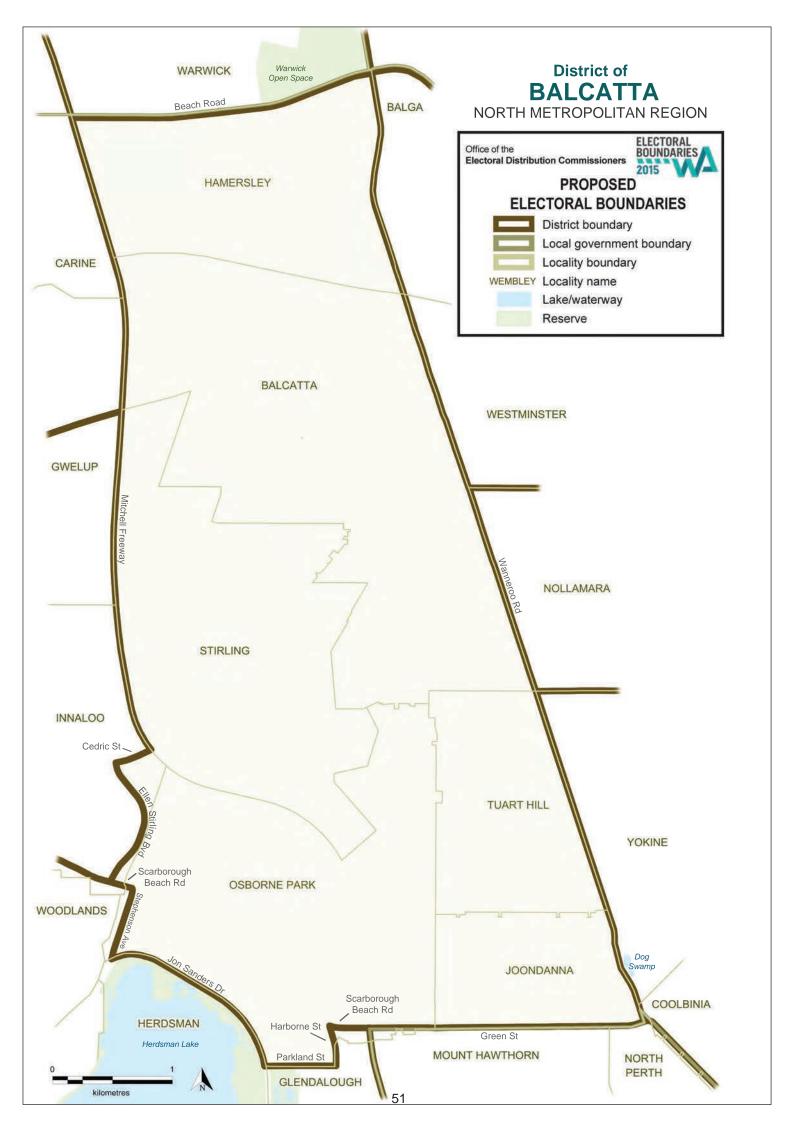
Wanneroo becomes a district of predominantly urban communities in the south and semi-rural communities, national parks and timber plantations in the north.

Adjustments are also proposed to the existing districts of Ocean Reef (proposed to be renamed Hale) and Joondalup to accommodate the growth in elector numbers in this area overall. The name Hale is in recognition of the contribution of Bishop Matthew Hale to education and his work among Indigenous Australians in the early colony of Western Australia.

The Commissioners noted that some submissions advocated the creation of an additional district at the northern end of the metropolitan area but, for the reasons previously explained, ultimately decided that a new district should be created in the South Metropolitan Region. The Commissioners have instead endeavoured to set districts at the northern end of the metropolitan area towards the lower end of the permissible limits wherever possible, in acknowledgement of the likely trends in future demographic growth.

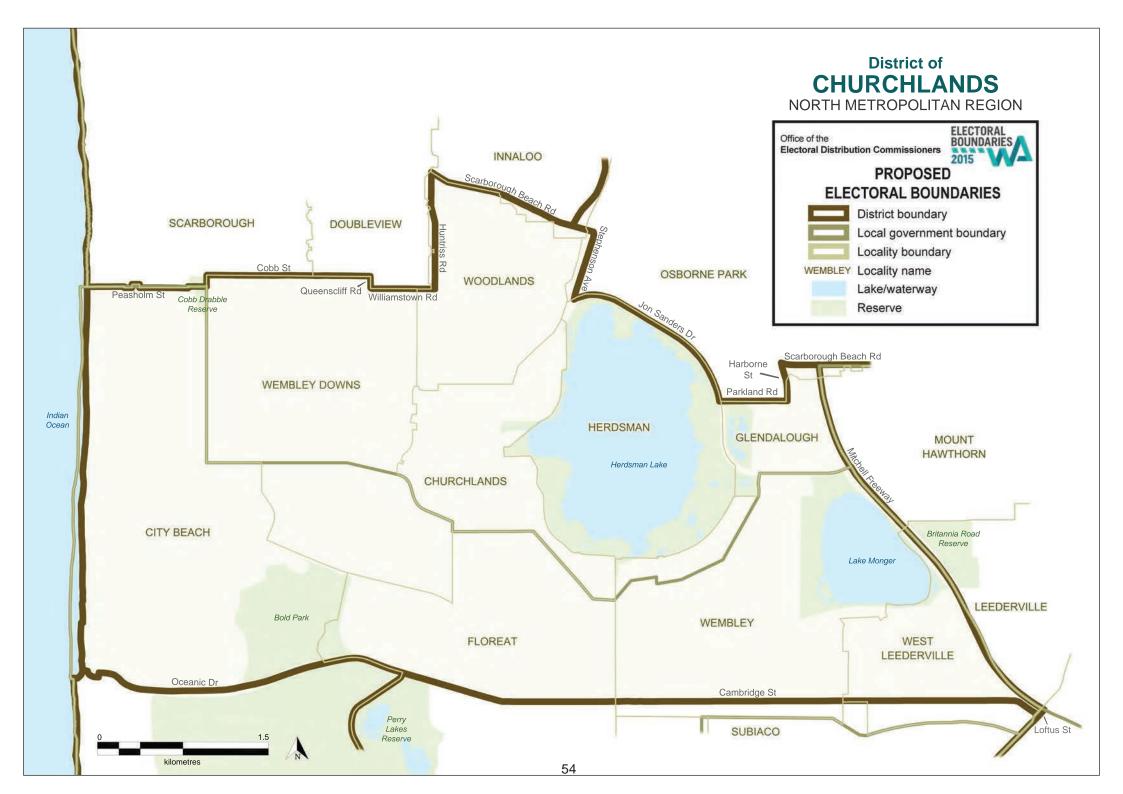
Kingsley and Balcatta

Changes proposed for these districts primarily reflect communities of interest, uniting the whole of Hamersley in Balcatta and Warwick in Kingsley. It is also proposed to reunite the locality of Osborne Park in Balcatta, recognising the link to what is essentially one industrial area. This latter change has minimal impact on elector numbers.



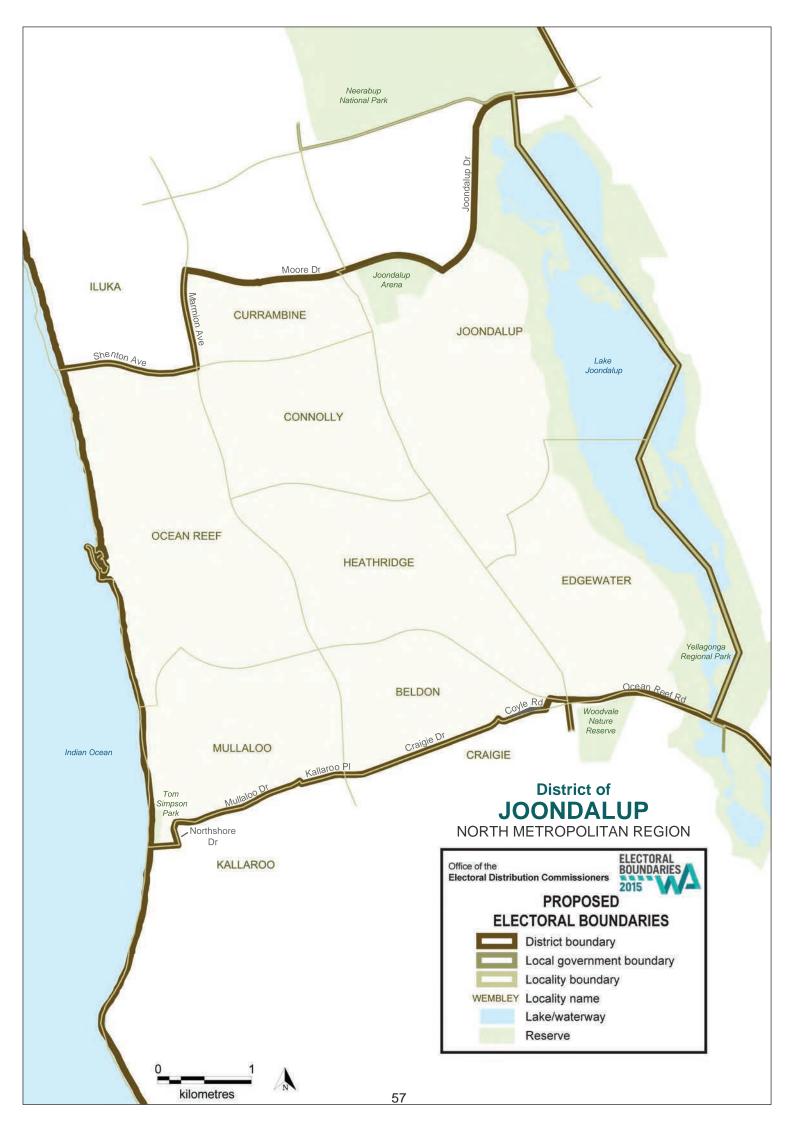


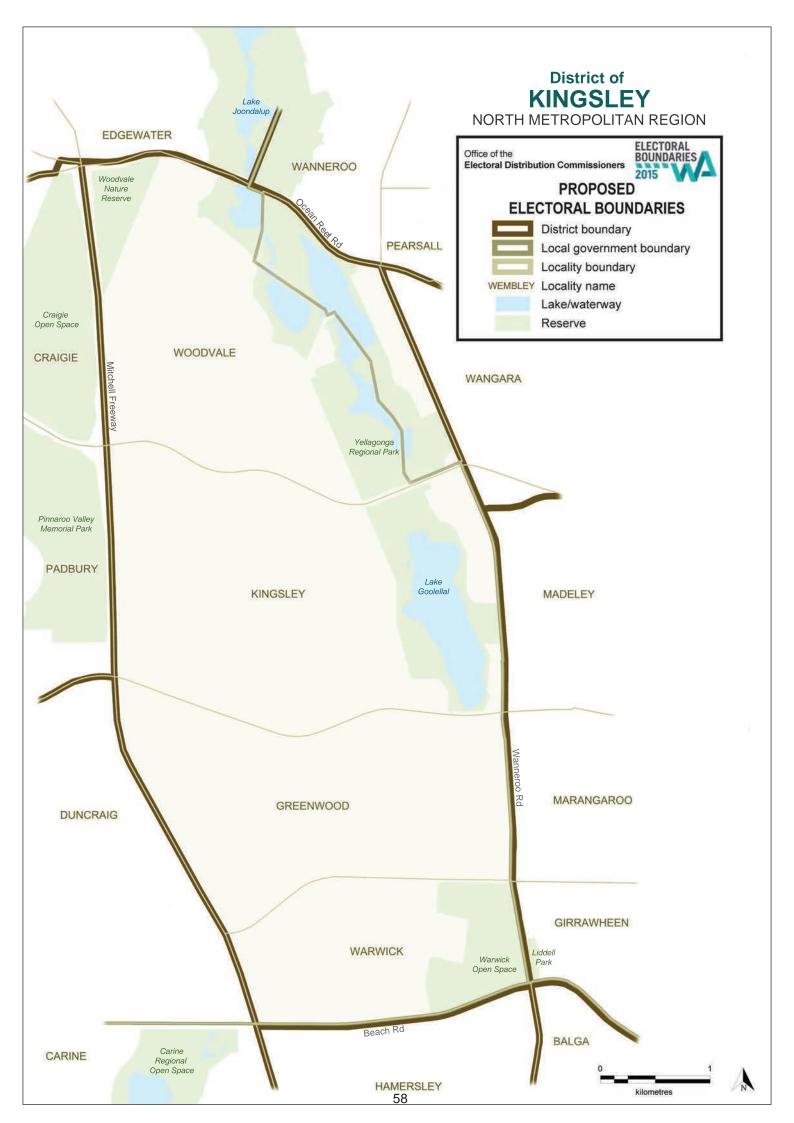


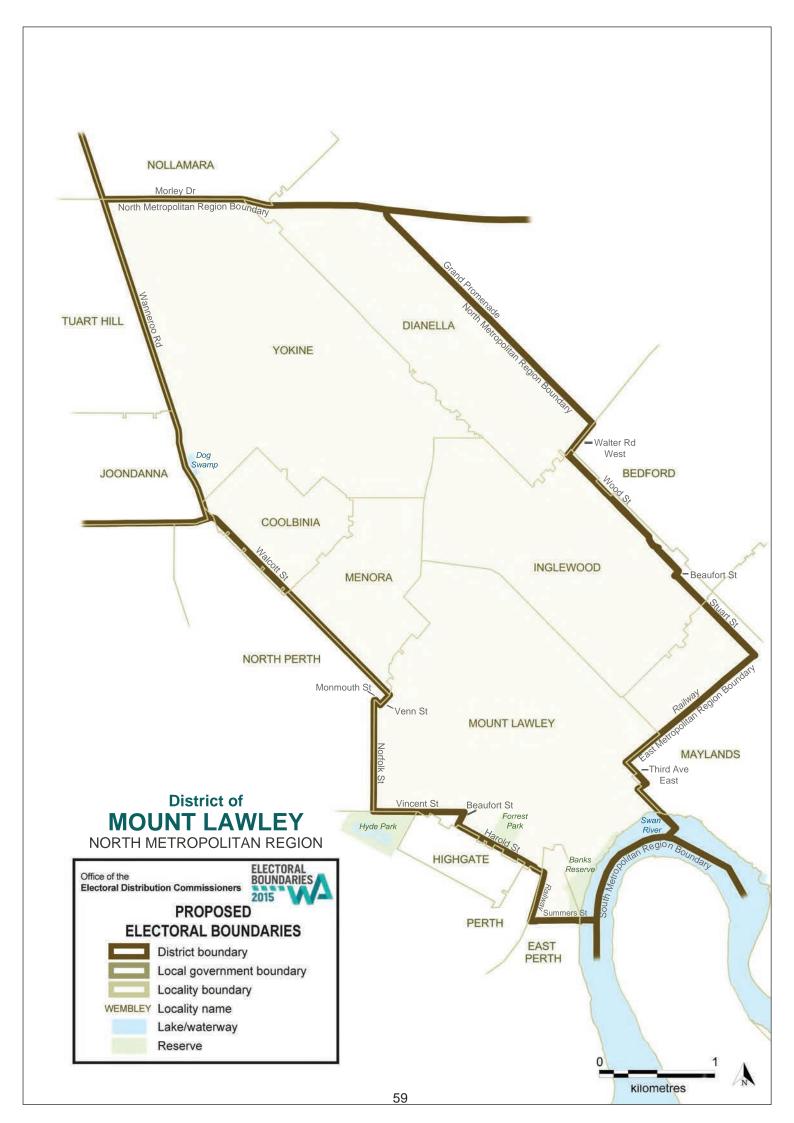


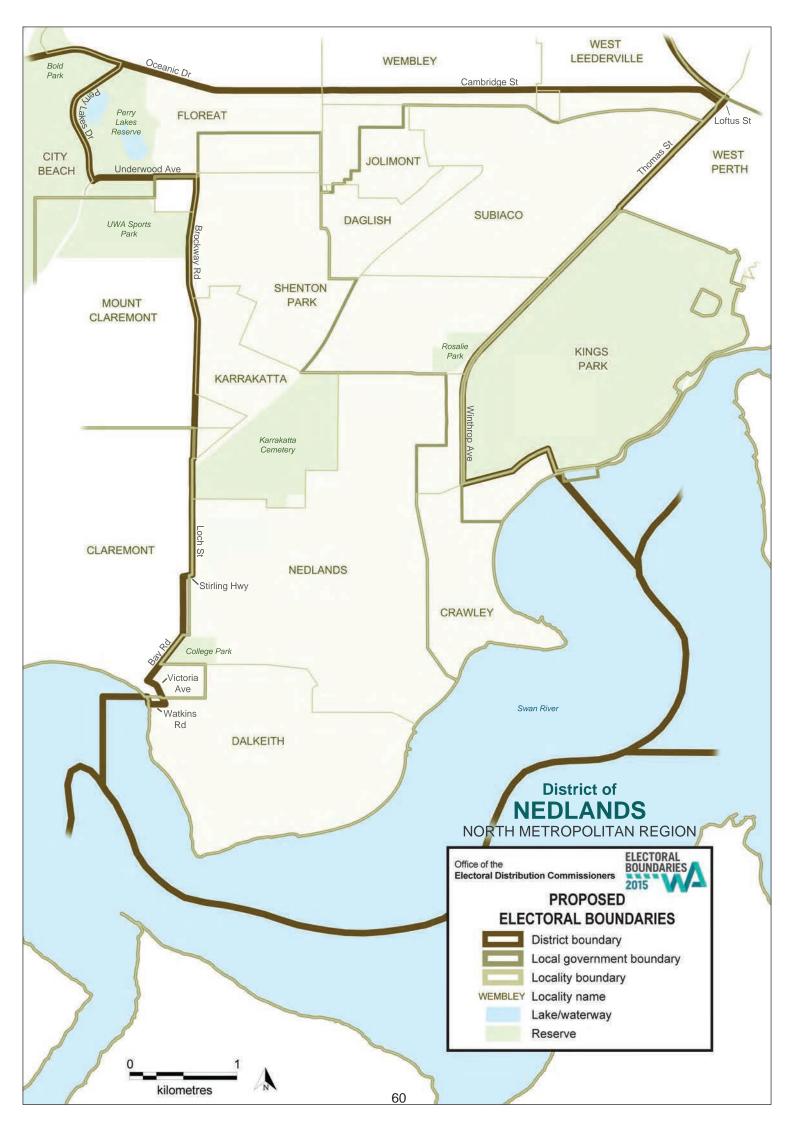


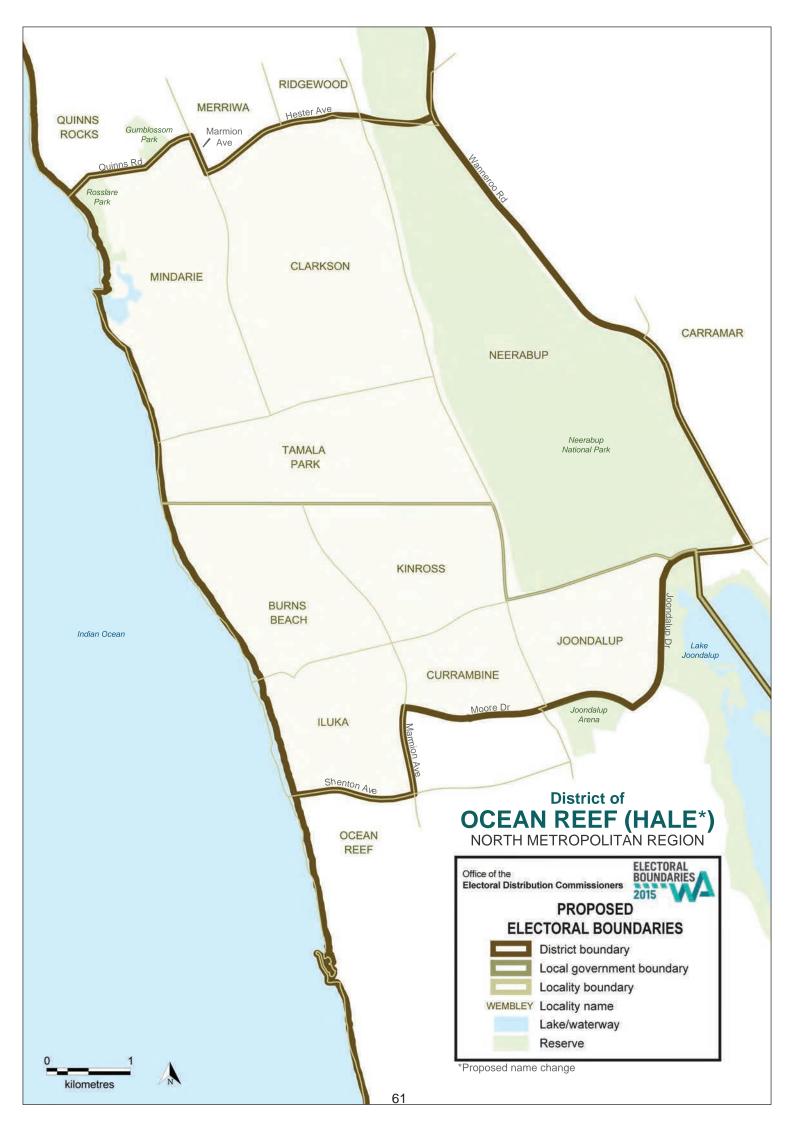


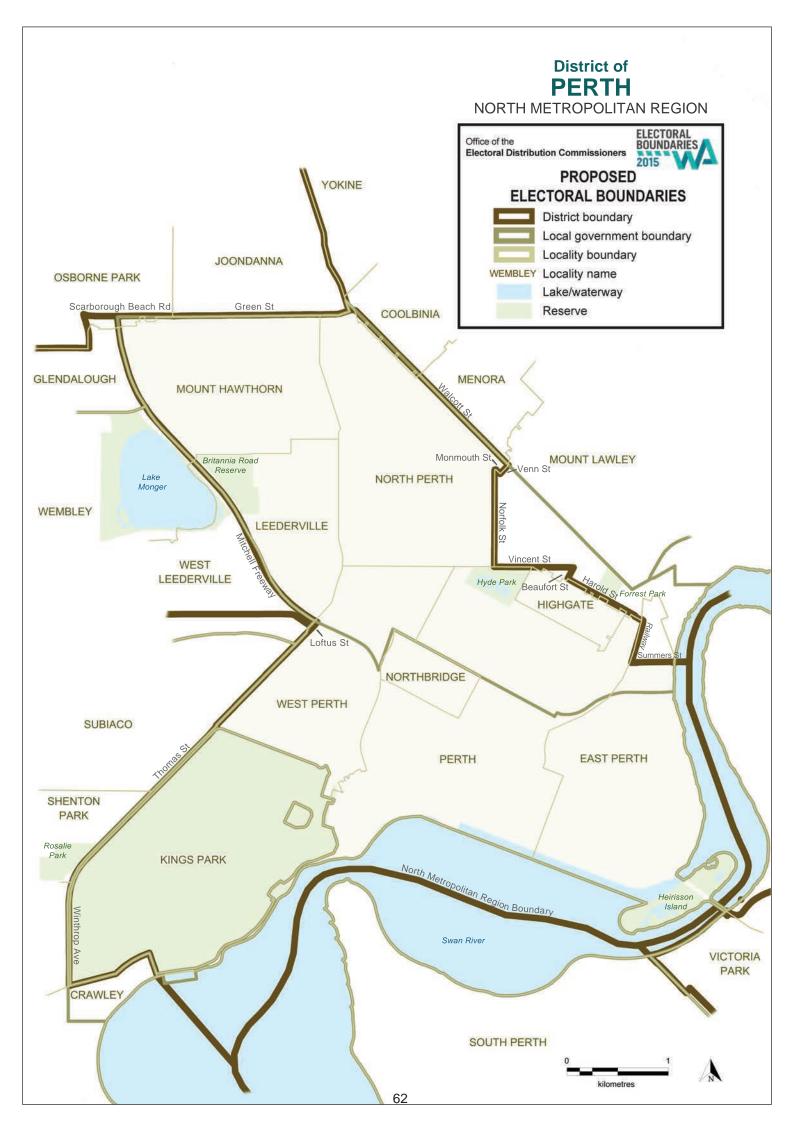


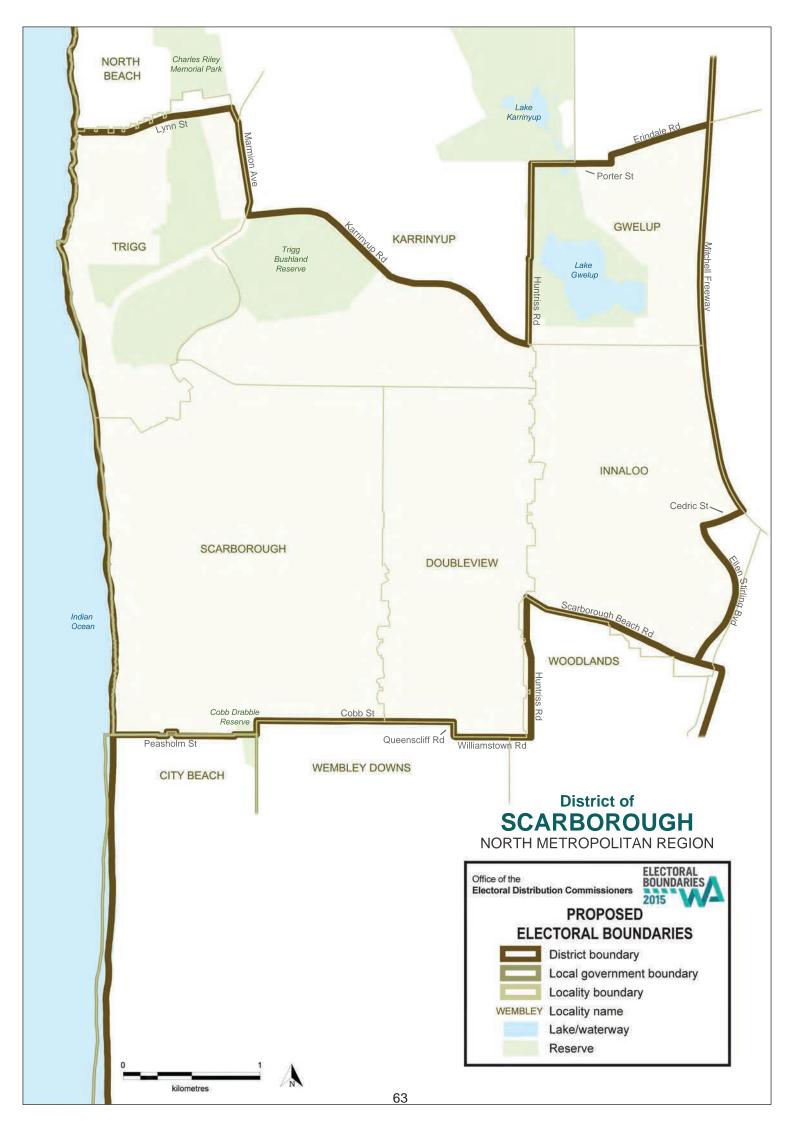


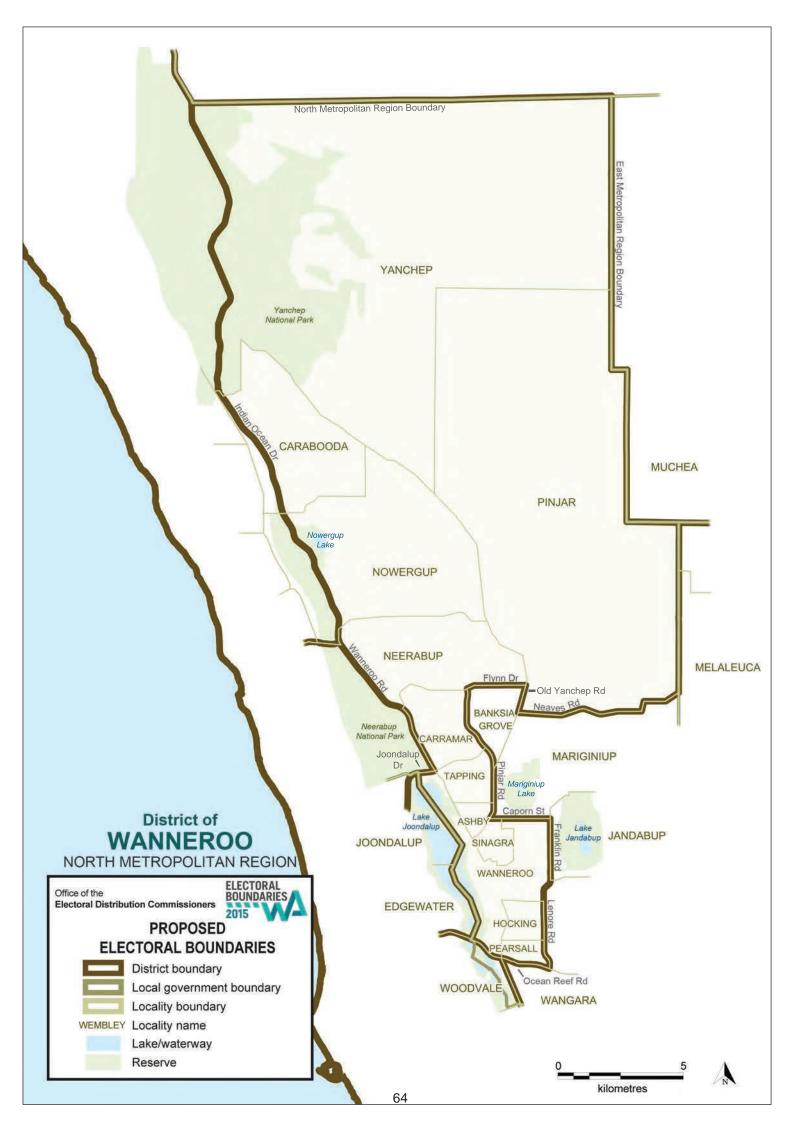












East Metropolitan Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that 14 districts be situated in the East Metropolitan Region, the same number as there is at present.

Armadale

Cedes: Hilbert south of Rowley Road

Bassendean

Gains: Bayswater and Embleton east of the Tonkin Highway

Belmont

Gains: Hazelmere west of Roe Highway, South Guildford north to the Swan River and

Burswood north of Great Eastern Highway

Darling Range

Gains: Keralup and Karnup, parts of Baldivis and Wellard east of the Kwinana

Freeway, Hilbert south of Rowley Road, Malmalling, Gorrie and The Lakes, parts of the localities of Sawyers Valley and Mundaring south of Great Eastern

Highway

Cedes: Piara Waters, Harrisdale and Forrestdale

Forrestfield

Gains: remainder of the Forrestfield locality and cedes Kenwick and Maddington

south of the Kenwick Link

Girrawheen (proposed to rename as **Erickson**)

Cedes: remainder of Cullacabardee, Warwick and Hamersley

Gosnells (proposed to rename as **Coombs**)

Gains: Maddington south of Maddington Road and the Kenwick Link, Kenwick south

of the Kenwick Link and Martin west of the Tonkin Highway

Cedes Gosnells locality south of Corfield Street and east of Verna Street

Kalamunda

Gains: Hovea, Parkerville, Stoneville, Mahogany Creek, Glen Forrest and the

western side of Mundaring

Cedes: Martin and Maddington west of the Tonkin Highway, Carmel west of Glenisla

Road and the remainder of Forrestfield locality

Maylands

Gains: Dianella south of Morley Drive and east of Grand Promenade, and Morley

south of Wellington Road

Cedes: Bayswater and Embleton east of the Tonkin Highway and Inglewood north

of Wood and Stuart Streets and Maylands north of Central Avenue and the

railway line

Midland

Gains: Caversham and south-east corner of West Swan

Cedes: Hazelmere east of Roe Highway and the remainder of South Guildford

between the Swan River and the railway line

Mirrabooka no change

Morley no change

Swan Hills (proposed to rename as **Salvado**)

Gains: Ellenbrook

Cedes: Melaleuca, Bullsbrook west of Muchea South Road-Railway Parade and

south of Warbrook Road, Belhus south of West Swan Road, south-west part of Upper Swan, Henley Brook south of West Swan Road Baskerville, Millendon, Herne Hill, remainder of Middle Swan and Red Hill north of Toodyay Road, Hovea, Parkerville, Stoneville, Mahogany Creek, Glen Forrest, Mundaring north of Great Eastern Highway, and parts of the localities of Sawyers Valley south of Great Eastern Highway, Gorrie,

Malmalling and The Lakes

West Swan (proposed to rename as **Mann**)

Gains: Banksia Grove, Mariginiup, Jandabup, Gnangara, Cullacabardee east

of Alexander Drive, Wanneroo locality east of Lenore Road, Wangara, Melaleuca and Bullsbrook west of Muchea South Road-Railway Parade and south of Warbrook Road, Belhus south of West Swan Road, Upper Swan

west of Great Northern Highway, Baskerville, Millendon, Herne Hill, Middle

Swan north of Roe Highway and Red Hill north of Toodyay Road

Cedes: Ellenbrook, Caversham and the south east corner of West Swan

East Metropolitan Region gains Girrawheen and cedes Mount Lawley.

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 9.

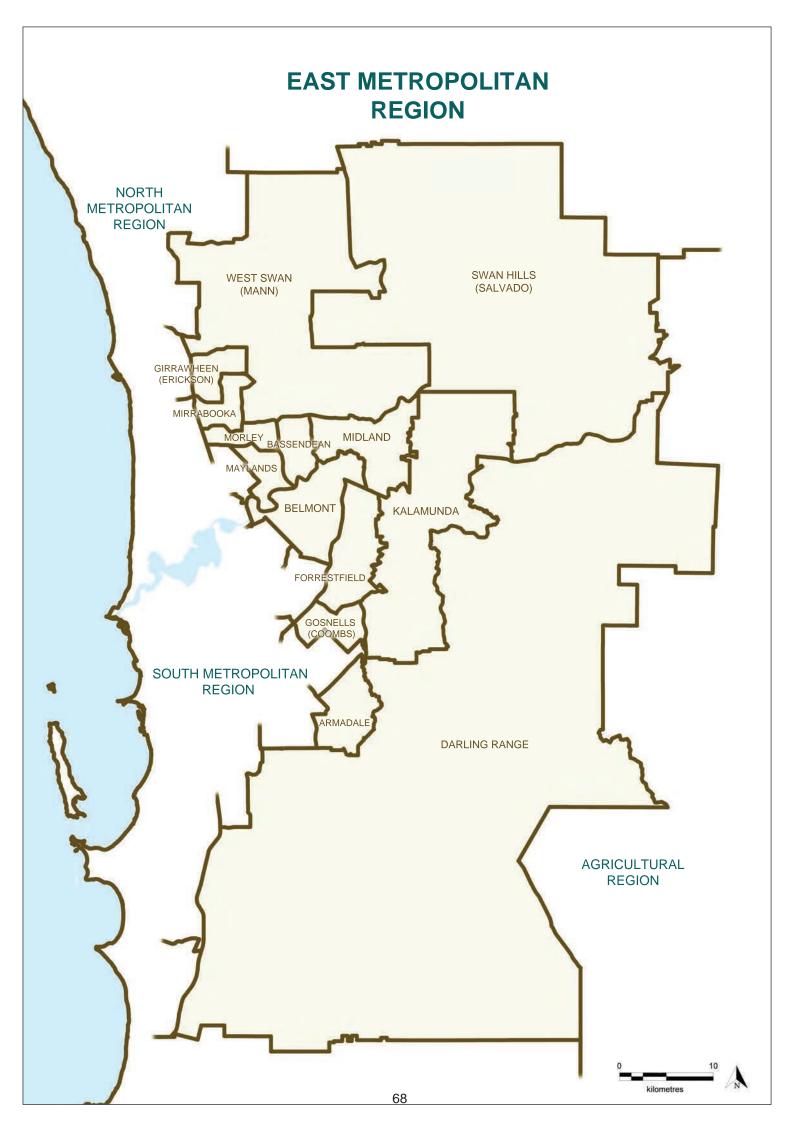
Table 9: East Metropolitan Region and Districts - Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE¹ (9 March 2015)
Armadale	25,808	+ 3.55%
Bassendean	26,325	+ 5.63%
Belmont	24,155	- 3.08%
Darling Range	26,624	+ 6.83%
Forrestfield	25,673	+ 3.01%
Girrawheen² (Erickson)³	25,875	+ 3.82%
Gosnells (Coombs) ³	25,939	+ 4.08%
Kalamunda	26,112	+ 4.77%
Maylands	26,079	+ 4.64%
Midland	26,490	+ 6.29%
Mirrabooka	26,376	+ 5.83%
Morley	24,540	- 1.54%
Swan Hills (Salvado) ³	26,664	+ 6.99%
West Swan (Mann) ³	25,028	+ 0.42%
Total	361,688	

¹ Average District Enrolment.

² Girrawheen moved from North Metropolitan Region.

³ Note that boundaries of newly named district do not correspond with former district boundaries.



Commentary

The East Metropolitan region will also comprise 14 seats, with the exchange of Mount Lawley and Girrawheen mentioned above.

Mirrabooka, Morley, Maylands and Girrawheen (Erickson)

At + 14.35 per cent, Girrawheen needed to shed elector numbers to bring the district back into the permitted tolerance range. This has been achieved by uniting the locality of Hamersley in Balcatta, and Warwick in Kingsley (see North Metropolitan Region). It is proposed to rename the district Erickson in recognition of Frederica Erickson, a prominent 20th century naturalist, historian and botanical artist.

The Commissioners also propose to make adjustments between the districts of Mount Lawley and Maylands to achieve a better balance of elector numbers and reflect recognised communities of interest. The locality of Inglewood will be largely reunited by transferring part of the locality from Maylands. In turn an area of Dianella bounded by Walter and Morley Roads and Grand Promenade will be incorporated in the district of Maylands. This will result in a modification to the boundary between the North and East Metropolitan Regions.

The Commissioners also propose to alter the western boundary adjoining the district of Bassendean with the Tonkin Highway being regarded as a more clearly defined boundary in that area.

Mirrabooka and Morley both remain unchanged.

West Swan (Mann) and Swan Hills (Salvado)

Both of the former districts exceeded the maximum permissible enrolment, to a significant degree in the case of West Swan. In addition to the obvious need to reduce elector numbers, the Commissioners consider it desirable to unite the adjoining, densely populated localities of Ellenbrook and The Vines to the maximum extent possible. To accommodate these changes it is necessary to alter the current configuration of both districts substantially, as well as shedding excess from Swan Hills by ceding the localities of Sawyers Valley and Mundaring south of the Great Eastern Highway to Darling Range.

The Commissioners acknowledge the preference expressed in some submissions for the locality of Ballajura to be wholly contained within the one district, but were unable to accommodate this request because of high population density in this locality. Ballajura remains split between West Swan and Mirrabooka.

It was decided to straighten the boundary along Railway Parade between West Swan and Swan Hills as it was no longer considered necessary to group those residences on the west side with those on the east side. Sufficient communities exist now on both sides of these adjacent districts. This also avoids the splitting of RAAF Pearce airbase.

Using West Swan Road and Great Northern Highway also enabled the Swan Valley precinct to remain together.

In light of these changes, it is proposed to rename both districts. The viticultural district of West Swan will be renamed Mann to reflect the contribution of Jack Mann, a pioneer of the Western Australian wine industry. Swan Hills will be renamed Salvado. Bishop Rosendo Salvado was a Spanish Benedictine monk and a person who demonstrated a great passion for the advancement of Indigenous Australians. The founder and first Abbot of the Territorial Abbey at New Norcia, he regularly travelled through the Swan Hills area on his way to and from the new settlement in Perth.

Bassendean, Midland and Belmont
Although the existing districts of
Bassendean and Midland required no
change based on their own elector
numbers, the adjoining district of Belmont
was well below the ADE at - 8.22 per cent.
To bolster elector numbers it is proposed
to add the locality of Hazelmere to Belmont
from Midland, using Roe Highway to
separate light industry from residential
areas, and the northern part of High
Wycombe from Darling Range.

It is also proposed to transfer the locality of Burswood from the district of Victoria Park, recognising the similarities in apartment-style living between Burswood and the area of Belmont abutting the Swan River and the Great Eastern Highway.

Kalamunda, Forrestfield and Darling Range These districts all required a considerable degree of change because of the flow on effect from reducing high elector numbers in Darling Range, substantially above the permitted tolerance range at + 23.8 per cent.

To achieve this end as well as accommodating local communities of interest, it is proposed to unite the whole of Forrestfield in the district that bears its name. Darling Range also cedes the northern end of High Wycombe to Belmont and those parts of Kenwick and Maddington south of the Kenwick Link, to the adjoining district of Gosnells (Coombs).

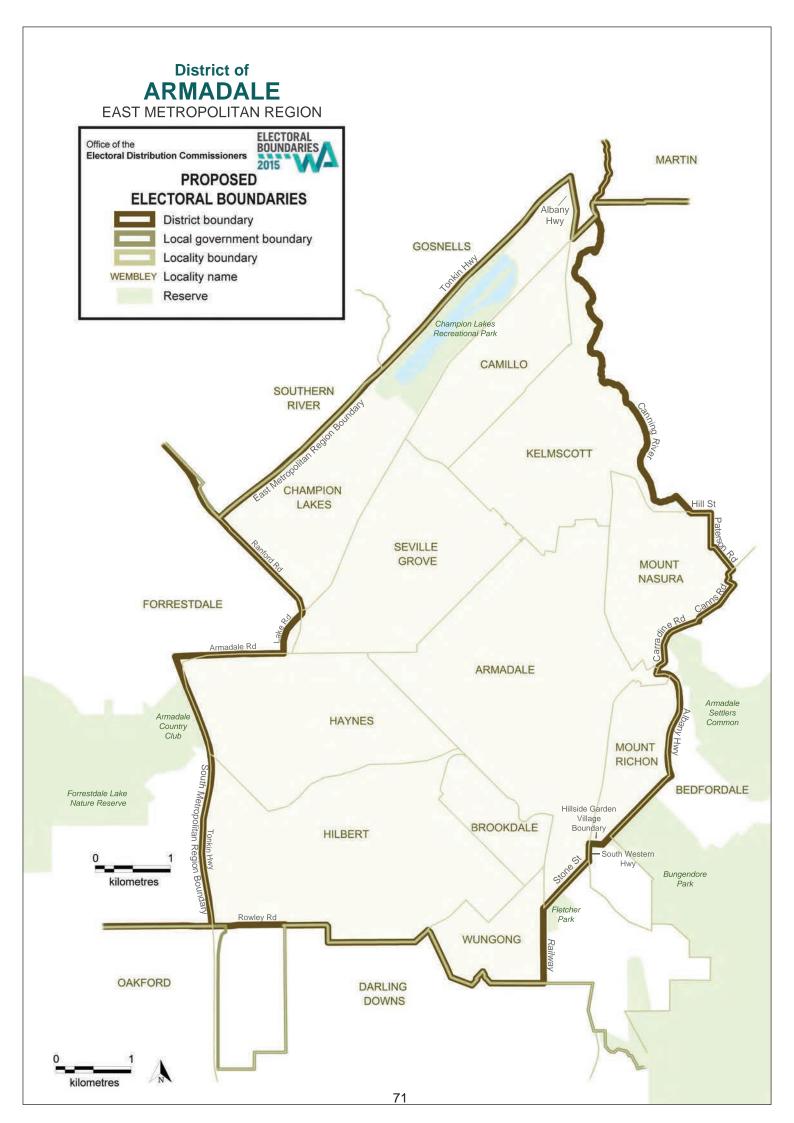
It was decided to move the Kalamunda boundary to Holmes Road which is a more recognisably physical feature and which provides a stronger boundary, noting that the existing boundary followed back fences and through the backyards of some properties. Armadale and Gosnells (Coombs)

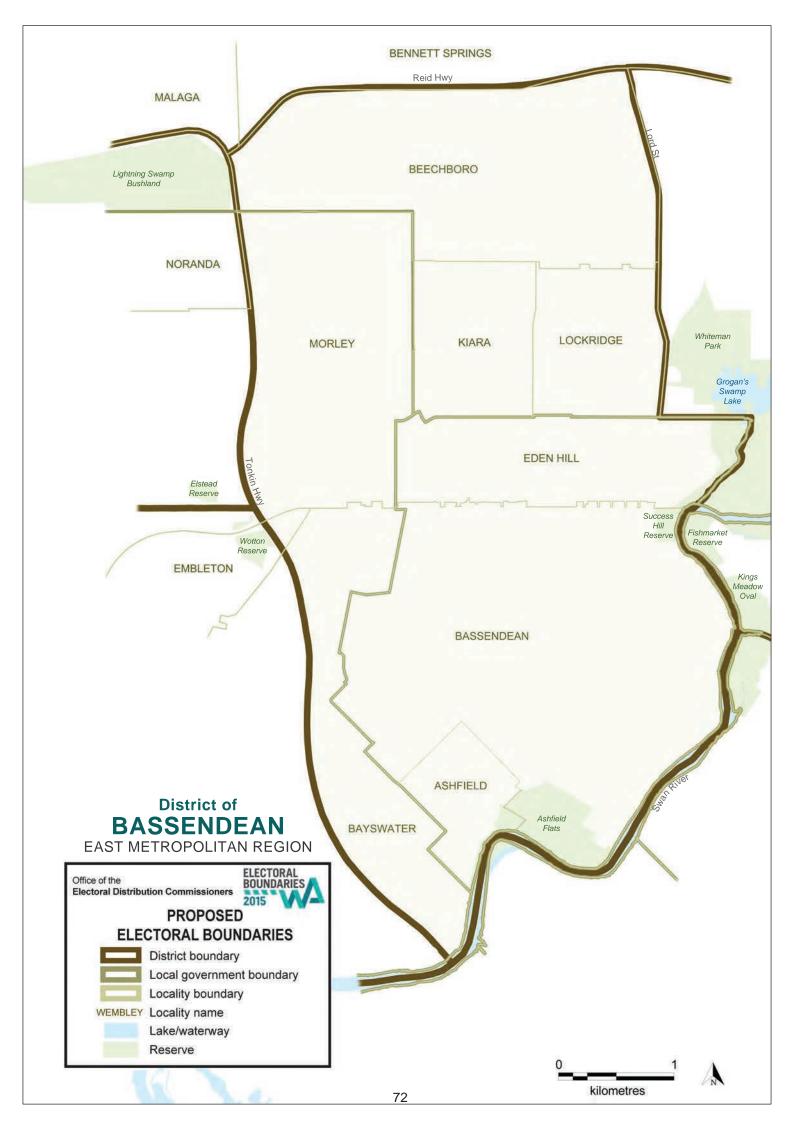
At + 3.55 per cent, no change is proposed for the Armadale district other than a minor boundary adjustment which does not contain electors. A more significant level of change is proposed for Gosnells (to be renamed Coombs) for the reasons set out above, to accommodate the required reduction in elector numbers in Darling Range. It is proposed to re-orientate Southern River and Gosnells along stronger road boundaries, and grouping semi-rural communities in the south-east either side of Corfield Street, with Southern River and Huntingdale remaining united.

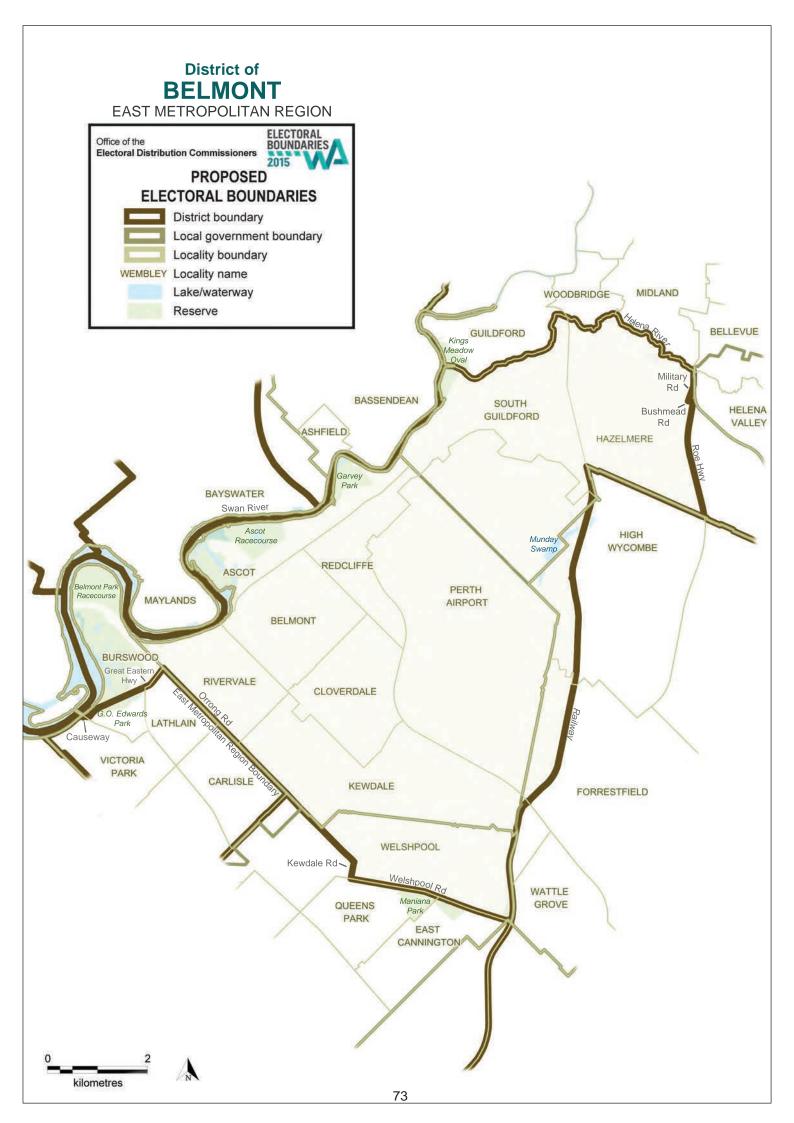
It also was not possible to keep all of Canning Vale in Southern River due to urban population growth so Nicholson and Ranford Roads were chosen as boundaries through the locality.

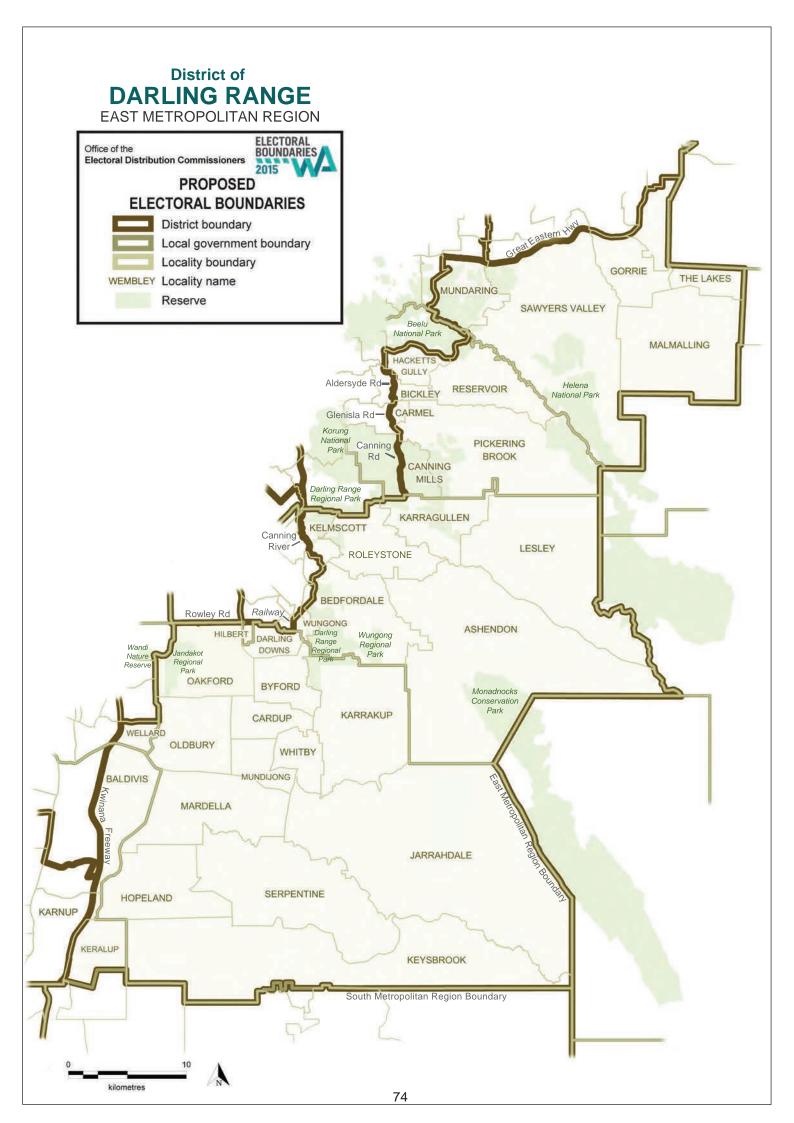
The district will gain that part of Kenwick south of the Albany Highway, Maddington and part of the locality of Martin west of the Tonkin Highway.

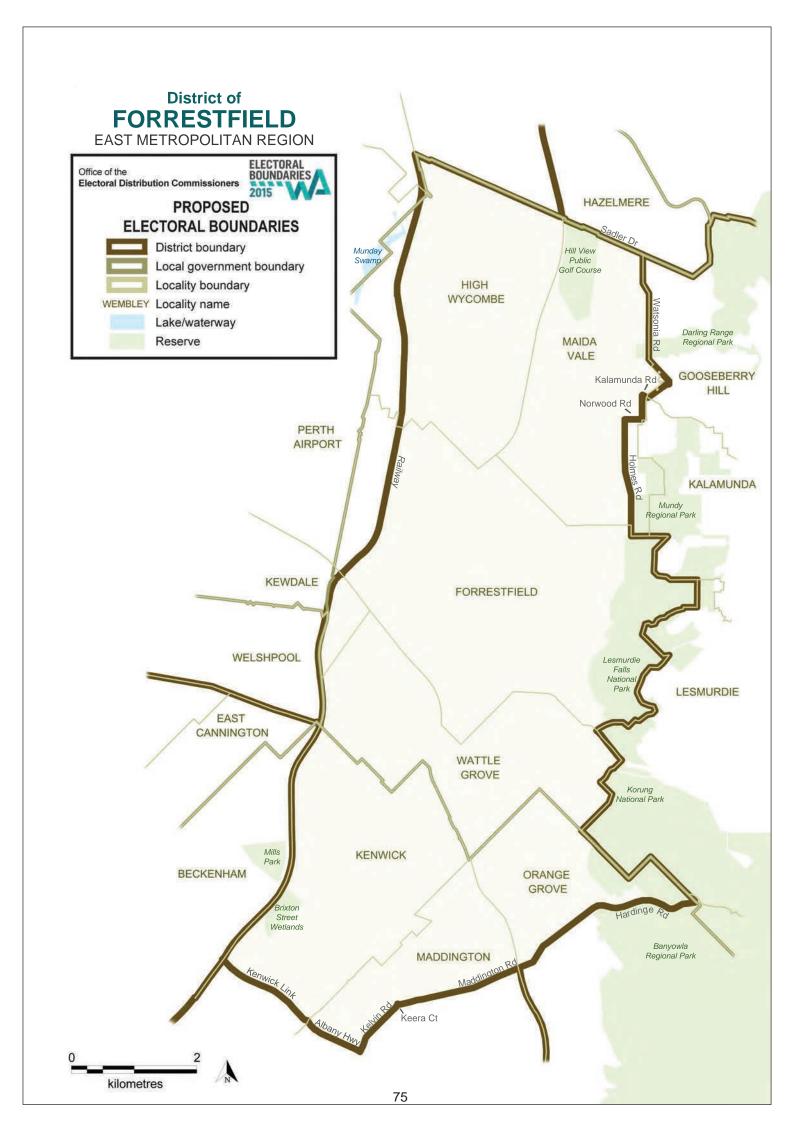
Because part of the suburb is no longer in the district, the Commissioners propose that Gosnells be renamed Coombs.
H. G. ('Nugget') Coombs was an Australian economist and senior Commonwealth public servant educated at the Perth Modern School and the University of Western Australia. He went on to become Director General of the Department of Post-war Reconstruction and later Governor of the Reserve Bank. He was also a strong supporter of Aboriginal land rights and is highly regarded for his support for Indigenous Australians.

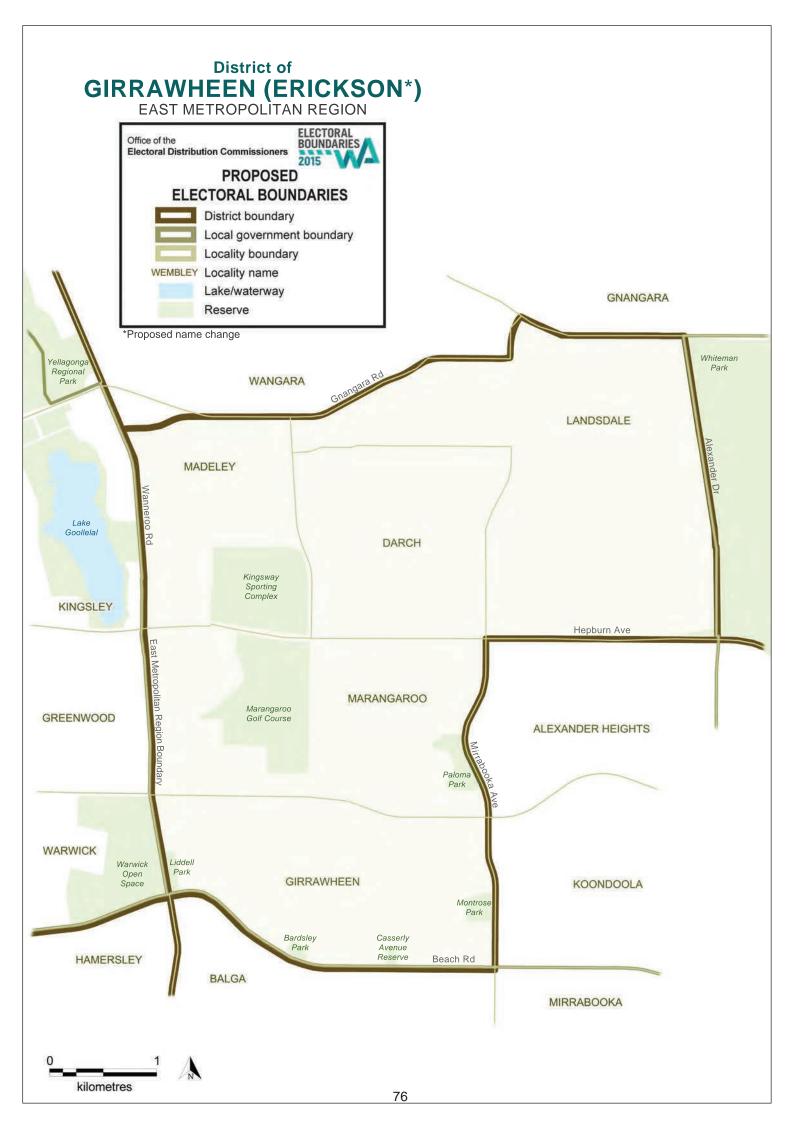


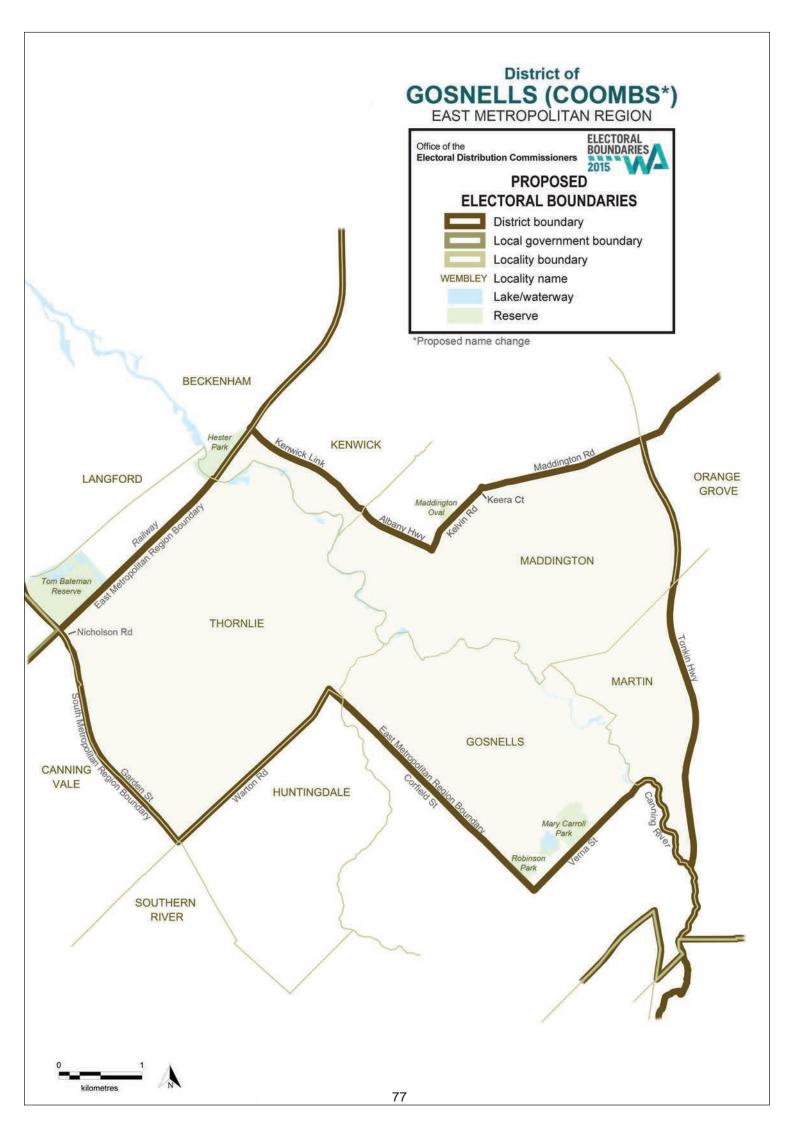


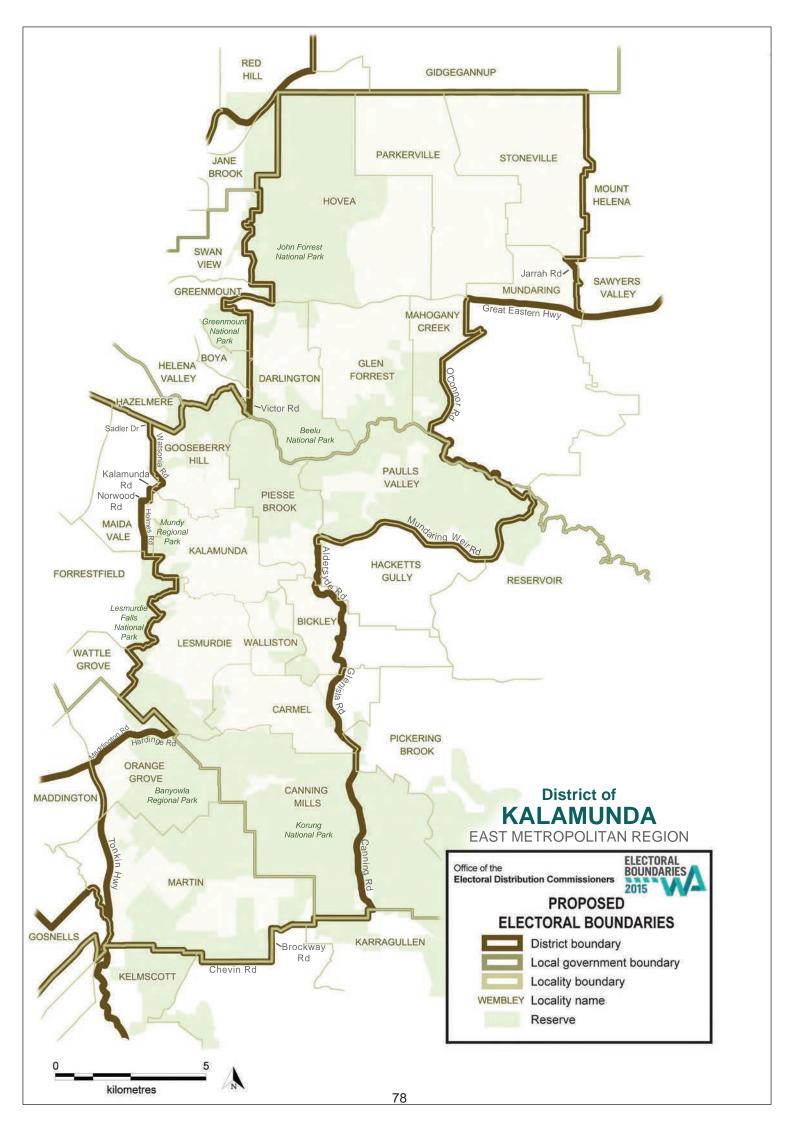


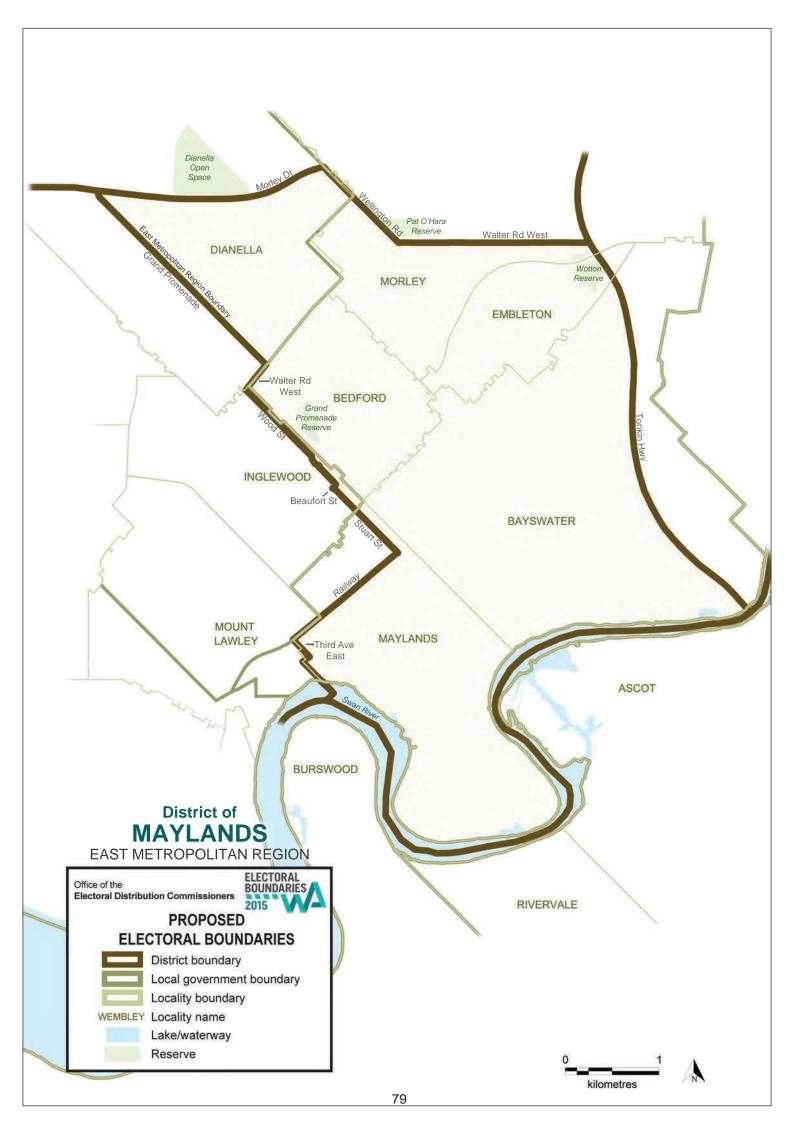


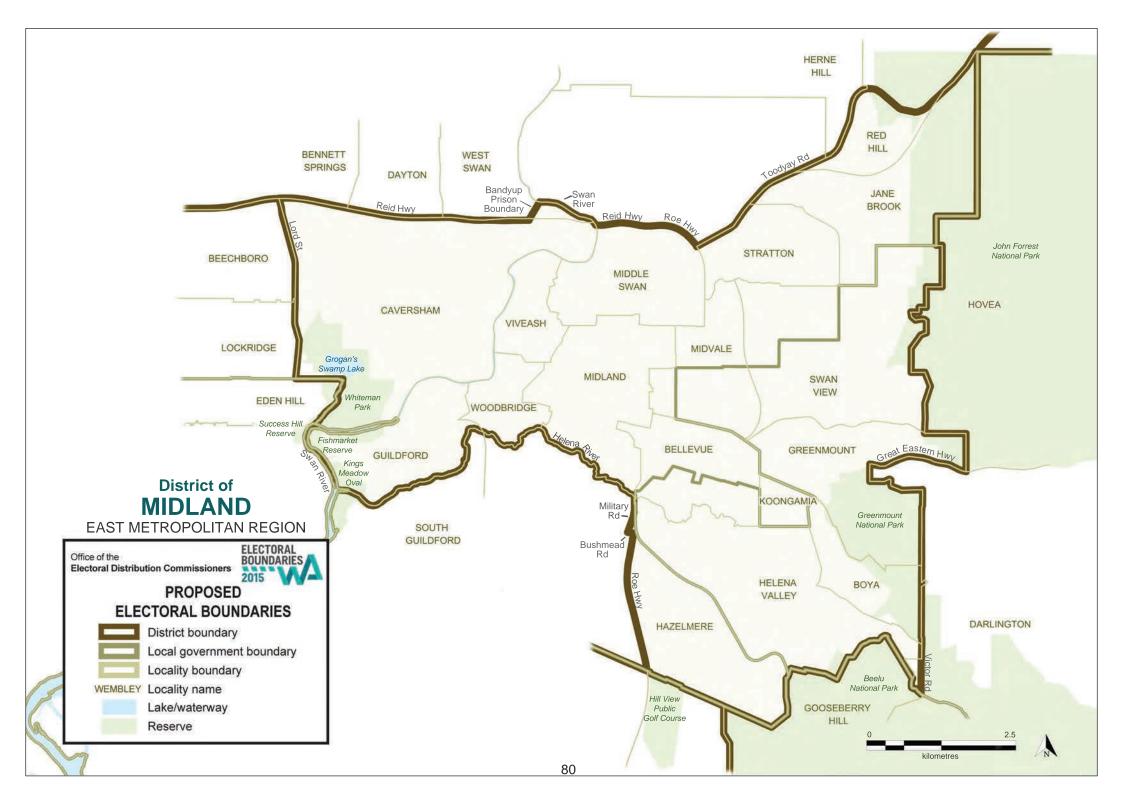


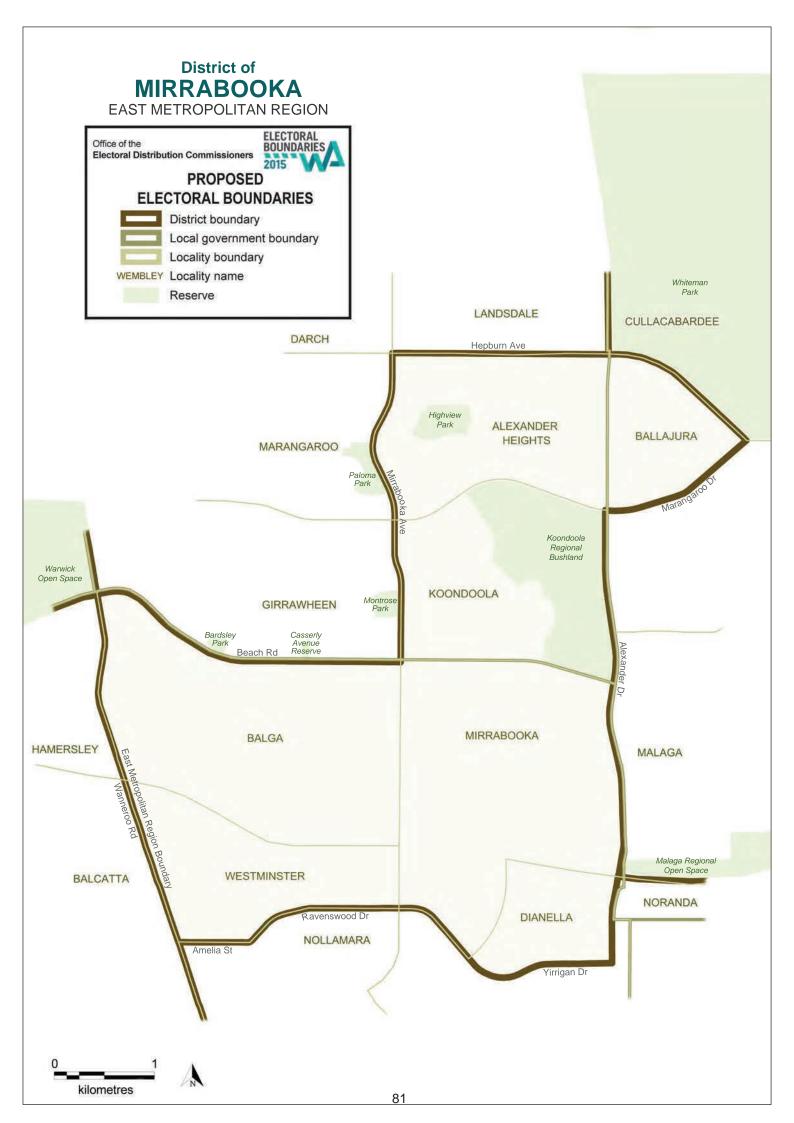


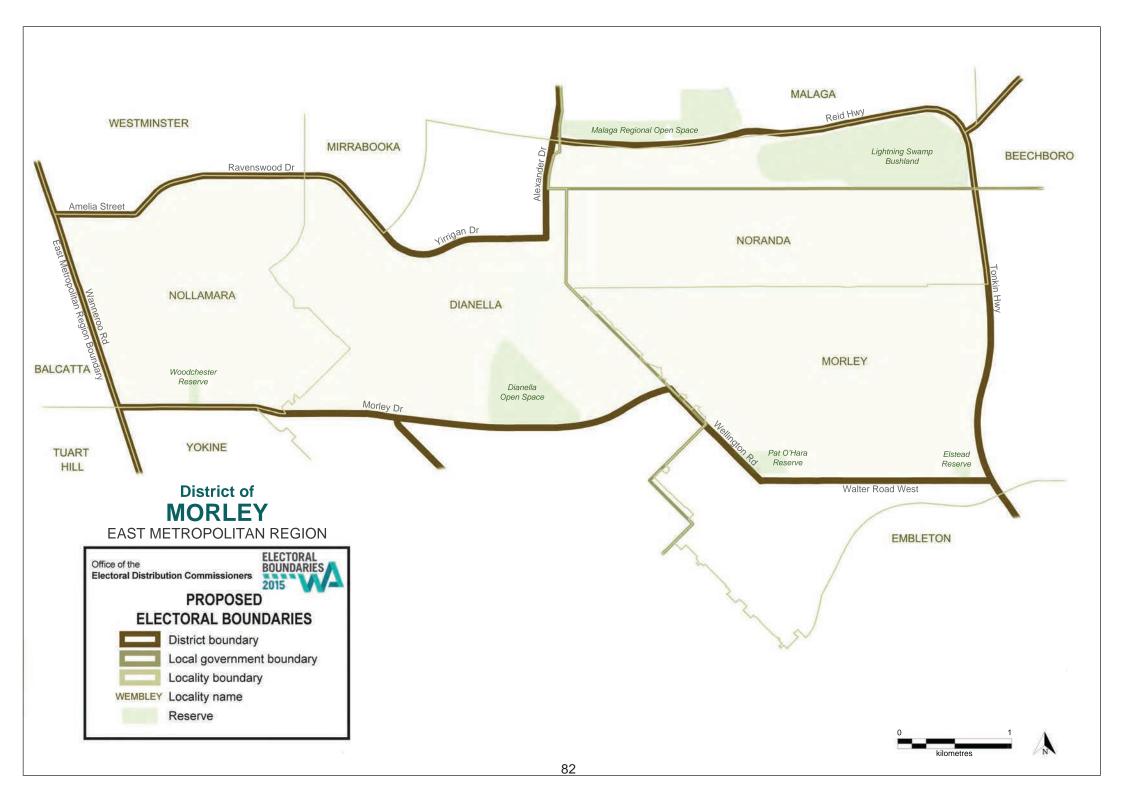


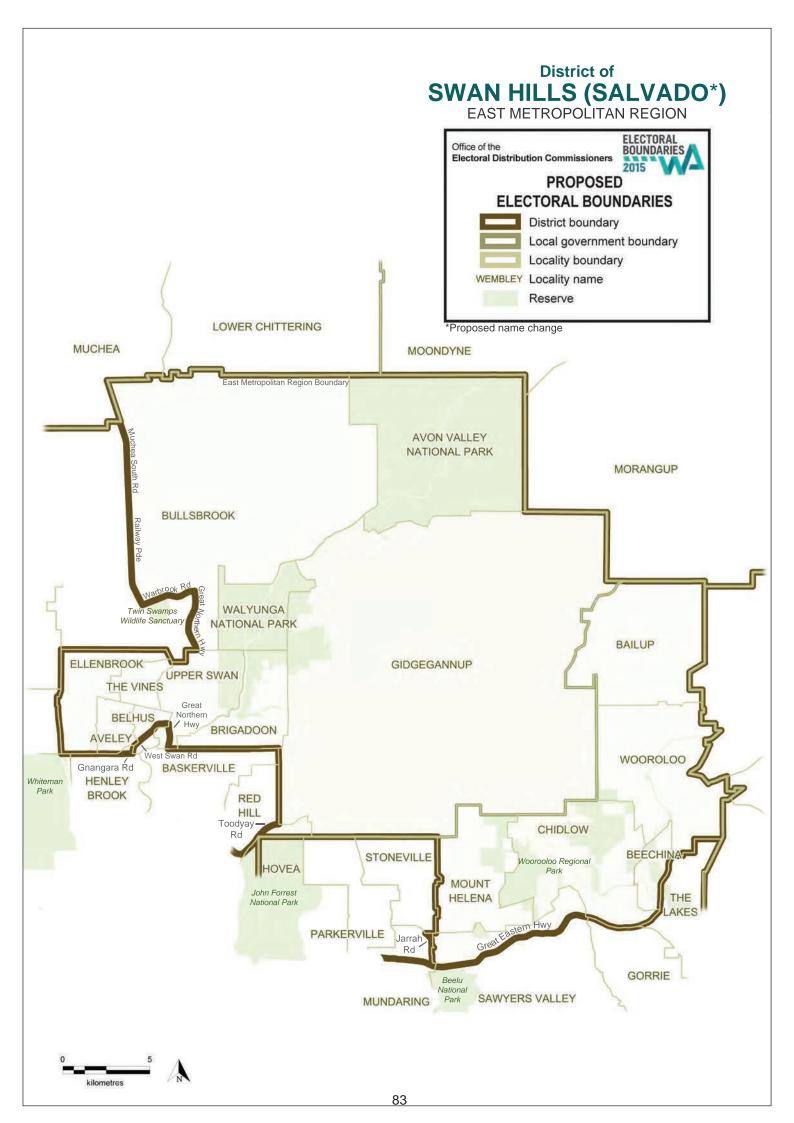


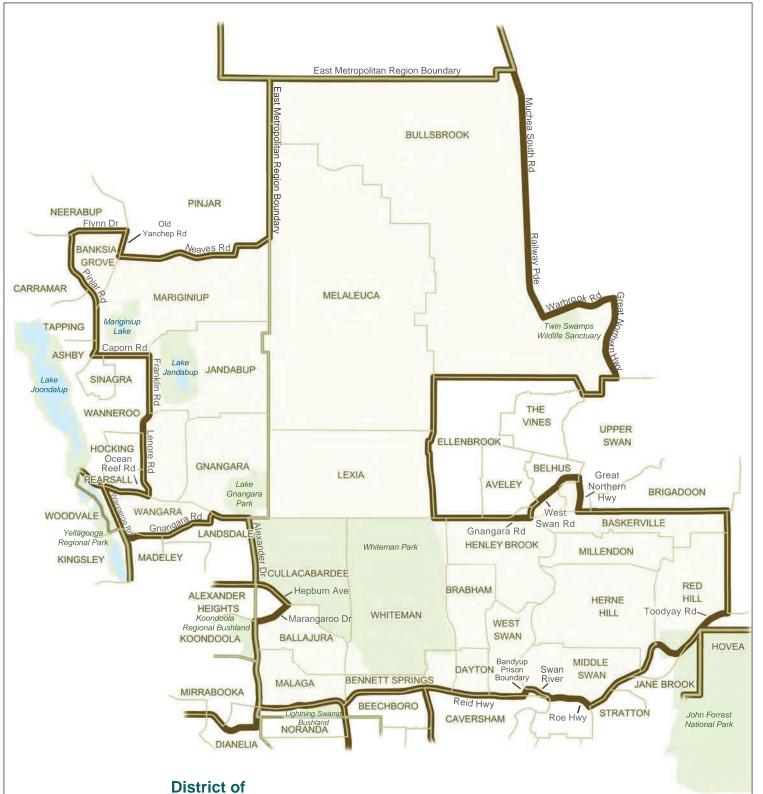






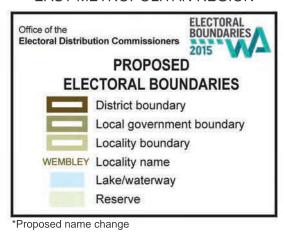






District of WEST SWAN (MANN*)

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South Metropolitan Region

Proposed changes

The Commissioners propose that a new district (proposed to be named Baldivis) be created bringing the total number of districts to 15.

Baldivis

Comprises: Bertram, Wellard west of the Kwinana Freeway, Baldivis locality west of the

Kwinana Freeway and north of Sixty Eight Road and Karnup Road, Leda south

of Gilmore Avenue, Cooloongup, Waikiki east of Read Street and

The Spectacles east of the railway line

Alfred Cove (proposed to rename as Burt)

Gains: East Fremantle east of Stirling Highway, parts of the localities of Fremantle

east of Stirling Highway and north of High Street, Palmyra north of Leach Highway, Myaree west of North Lake Road and remainder of Melville

Cedes: Applecross, Ardross, Booragoon, Mount Pleasant and Alfred Cove east of

North Lake Road

Bateman (proposed to rename as Toohey)

Gains: Applecross, Ardross, Booragoon north of Marmion Street, Mount Pleasant

north of Canning Avenue and Alfred Cove east of North Lake Road

Cedes: Myaree west of North Lake Road, Kardinya, Murdoch, Bullcreek and

Mount Pleasant and Brentwood east of the Kwinana Freeway

Cannington

Gains: Riverton east of Riley Road and Parkwood and parts of the localities of Bentley

and Welshpool east of Leach Highway

Cedes: Wilson

Cockburn

Cedes: Bibra Lake, Henderson, Wattleup, Hammond Park, South Lake north of

Berrigan Drive and north-west corner of Coogee

Fremantle

Gains: Hilton, O'Connor west of Stock Road, the remainder of Hamilton Hill,

Spearwood north of Spearwood Avenue and north-west corner of Coogee

Cedes: Fremantle locality east of Stirling Highway and north of High Street, and

Palmyra north of Leach Highway and East Fremantle east of Stirling Highway

Jandakot (proposed to rename as **Brearley**)

Gains: Canning Vale north of Acourt Road, west of Nicholson Road and south of

Ranford Road, Piara Waters, Harrisdale and Forrestdale

Cedes: Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup south of Armadale Road, North Lake, Bibra Lake

and South Lake

Kwinana

Gains: Henderson, Wattleup, Hammond Park, Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup south of

Armadale Road and East Rockingham north of Charles Street

Cedes: Baldivis, Wellard, Bertram, Cooloongup, Waikiki, Leda south of Gilmore

Avenue and The Spectacles east of the railway line

Riverton

Gains: Bull Creek and Brentwood and Mount Pleasant east of the Kwinana Freeway

Cedes: Parkwood, Riverton east of Riley Road and Caning vale south of Roe

Highway

Rockingham

Gains: part of Waikiki between Safety Bay Road and Fendam Street

Cedes: part of East Rockingham north of Charles Street

Southern River

Gains: Gosnells south of Corfield Street and east of Verna Street

Cedes: Canning Vale south of Ranford Road and west of Nicholson Road

South Perth

Gains: the remainder of South Perth and Kensington localities

Victoria Park

Gains: Wilson

Cedes: Burswood north of Great Eastern Highway, the remainder of South Perth

locality and Kensington, and those parts of Bentley and Welshpool east of

Leach Highway

Warnbro

Cedes: Karnup east of the Kwinana Freeway, Baldivis locality north of Sixty Eight

Road and Karnup Road, a small part of Waikiki between Safety Bay Road

and Fendam Street, and Keralup

Willagee (proposed to rename as Murdoch)

Gains: Murdoch, the remainder of Kardinya and Bibra Lake, North Lake, South Lake

north of Berrigan Drive

Cedes: Spearwood, Melville, Hilton, remainder of Hamilton Hill and O'Connor west

of Stock Road

South Metropolitan Region gains the new district of Baldivis.

This proposed reapportionment means that all districts are within the permissible tolerance range as indicated in Table 10.

Table 10: South Metropolitan Region and Districts - Number of electors per proposed district

District	Electors (after proposed boundary changes)	Variation from ADE¹ (9 March 2015)
Alfred Cove (Burt) ²	24,640	- 1.14%
Baldivis (new)	24,069	- 3.43%
Bateman (Toohey) ²	25,371	+ 1.80%
Cannington	25,811	+ 3.56%
Cockburn	25,309	+ 1.55%
Fremantle	25,801	+ 3.52%
Jandakot (Brearley) ²	25,278	+ 1.42%
Kwinana	22,947	- 7.93%
Riverton	25,200	+ 1.11%
Rockingham	25,423	+ 2.01%
South Perth	26,896	+ 7.92%
Southern River	25,329	+ 1.63%
Victoria Park	26,633	+ 6.86%
Warnbro	25,218	+ 1.18%
Willagee (Murdoch) ²	24,639	- 1.14%
Total	378,564	

Average District Enrolment.

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



Commentary

The major change proposed for the South Metropolitan Region is the creation of an additional district. The Commissioners propose to base the new district on the locality of Baldivis, taking account of the high level of recent and projected growth in that area.

Alfred Cove (Burt) and Bateman (Toohey)
At - 0.83 per cent and - 6.48 per cent, no change was mandated for these districts by enrolment numbers alone.

The Commissioners needed to make allowance, however, for the flow on effects of a reduction in elector numbers in the district of Fremantle (approaching the maximum permitted tolerance range at + 8.58 per cent) and to use stronger boundaries. They also considered it undesirable that the existing district of Bateman was divided either side of the Kwinana Freeway.

Taking these factors into account, and cognisant also of localities along the Canning Highway that are divided by existing boundaries, the Commissioners propose to adopt a north-south rather than (the current) east-west orientation for these districts.

Alfred Cove (to be renamed Burt) is proposed to comprise those parts of East Fremantle, Fremantle, Palmyra and Melville between Leach and Canning Highways, extending eastwards from Stirling Highway to North Road in Myaree. The Burt family were prominent in the early colonial history. Sir Archibald Burt was Western Australia's first Chief Justice. His son (John) Septimus was a prominent lawyer and politician, Attorney General in the government of John Forrest, and an early proponent of an elected rather than nominated Legislative Council. His great grandson, Sir Francis Burt was both the Chief Justice and Governor of Western Australia and one of the most renowned jurists of the modern era.

Bateman (to be renamed Toohey) will extend south from Applecross to include Ardross, Alfred Cove (east of North Lake Road) and most of Booragoon, Mount Pleasant and Winthrop, enabling the district to be united on the western side of the Kwinana Freeway. The proposed name reflects the life and service of the late John Toohey. He was a prominent barrister before establishing and working in the Aboriginal Legal Service in the Pilbara. He was later to become an Aboriginal Land Rights Commissioner, a judge of the High Court of Australia from 1987–1998 and a Commissioner appointed to inquire into the 'Bloody Sunday' incidents in Northern Ireland.

Fremantle and Willagee (Murdoch)
Similarly, the Commissioners have reviewed the configuration of the districts of Fremantle and Willagee (to be renamed Murdoch). As mentioned above, to better balance elector numbers it is proposed that the district of Fremantle cedes part of East Fremantle and Palmyra east of Stirling Highway to Burt. To some extent this needs to be balanced by expanding the district eastwards to include the localities of Hilton and Hamilton Hill to the stronger boundary of Stock Road, and also parts of O'Connor even though this locality straddles Stock Road.

As a flow on effect, the renamed district of Murdoch is proposed to expand eastwards, uniting the whole of Kardinya and incorporating the locality of Murdoch, as well as southwards to reunite Bibra Lake (from Cockburn) and South Lake (from Jandakot). This approach avoids splitting the adjacent district of Jandakot across either side of the Kwinana Freeway.

The Commissioners propose that Willagee be renamed Murdoch to recognise the contribution of Sir Walter Murdoch a prominent Australian academic and essayist who served a period as Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. However, the Commissioners acknowledge the potential for confusion between the name of the district and that of the suburb which is within close proximity but not in the district. They welcome comment on the proposal.

South Perth and Victoria Park

To bolster elector numbers in a slow growing South Perth and in recognition of local communities of interest, the Commissioners propose to unite the whole of Kensington in that district. It is proposed, in turn, to extend the southern boundary of Victoria Park from Manning Road to Leach Highway, providing a stronger boundary for the district.

Riverton and Cannington

The major change proposed for Riverton is to add the locality of Bull Creek, which is considered to have a greater affiliation with that area than a district on the other side of the Kwinana Freeway. This needs to be balanced to some extent by ceding the locality of Parkwood to Cannington.

Southern River and Jandakot (Brearley)
It is proposed to rename the district of
Jandakot to Brearley, recognising its
aviation links and the founding of the first
scheduled air service in Australia (Western
Australian Airways) by Norman Brearley.

At + 12.37 per cent current enrolment, a reduction in elector numbers for Southern River is mandated under the Act. It is proposed that the quite densely populated area spanning Ranford Road be ceded to Brearley, balanced by the addition of part of the city of Gosnells abutting the Tonkin

and Albany Highways (as depicted in the accompanying maps). The Commissioners opted to re-route part of the current electoral boundary between Southern River and Brearley along the railway line which is considered to be a more recognisable boundary than Nicholson Road.

Cockburn, Kwinana, Rockingham, Warnbro and Baldivis

Enrolment levels in the existing districts of Cockburn, Warnbro and Kwinana are above the permitted tolerance range, the last two significantly so. This can be addressed to a large extent through the creation of a new district centred on the locality of Baldivis. To achieve a better balance of elector numbers it is proposed that the district of Cockburn cede the localities of Bibra Lake and South Lake in the north (to the district of Murdoch), and the localities of Henderson and Wattleup in the south (to Kwinana).

In recognition of the urban developments in this region, much of the area east of the Kwinana Freeway and south of Mortimer Road in Wellard has been transferred to the semi-rural Darling Range.

The Commissioners acknowledge the difficulties in attaining a strong boundary between the district of Kwinana and the new district of Baldivis and in keeping all localities in the vicinity of the Kwinana town site within the one district. Despite considering a range of different scenarios for this area, the spread of elector numbers renders this impossible. Gilmore Avenue through Leda is the proposed strongest boundary.

Due to population growth in Atwell and Aubin Grove, these localities needed to transfer from Jandakot and be grouped more with other newer communities along the eastern side of the Kwinana Freeway with Banjup. No change of any significance is proposed for the district of Rockingham other than re-routing the proposed boundary to align with East Rockingham without impacting elector numbers.

The proposed name of the new district (Baldivis) has been selected not simply because of its association with the suburb of Baldivis but because of the derivation of the name. The Commissioners understand that the name derives from three ships which travelled to Western Australia in 1922 bringing settlers under the then Group Settlement Scheme.

