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Dear Mr Harbord

### **2011 Electoral Distribution – City of Mandurah Response**

The City of Mandurah welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on suggestions recently provided to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners on the review of Western Australia's State electoral boundaries. As one of Western Australia's fastest growing Local Government Areas, it is important that the Mandurah community remains well represented at Local, State and Federal level.

According to data provided by the Electoral Distribution Commissioners, the City of Mandurah's two Electoral Districts – Mandurah and Dawesville – are currently well within the range of plus or minus 10% of the average district enrolment as at 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (23,178). The table below indicates the current enrolments of the Mandurah and Dawesville Electoral Districts.

<b>District</b>	<b>Enrolment 6 September 2010</b>	<b>Variation from Average District Enrolment</b>
Dawesville	23,258	0.35%
Mandurah	22,352	-3.56%

This data indicates that there is no need for change to the City of Mandurah's existing Electoral Districts at this time. Nonetheless the City acknowledges that the adjacent Electoral District of Murray-Wellington is growing rapidly, and that it will soon exceed the 10% threshold allowance.

<b>District</b>	<b>Enrolment 6 September 2010</b>	<b>Variation from Average District Enrolment</b>
Murray-Wellington	25,133	8.43%

The City has noted electoral distribution suggestions recently provided by political parties, Members of Parliament, Local Governments, community groups and members of the public. Five of these submissions provided suggestions that involved the City of Mandurah's Electoral Districts. Summaries of these submissions, and the City's response to each is listed in the following table.

<b>Submission</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>CoM Position</b>
The Nationals	Dawesville Electoral District to remain unchanged	Support
	Mandurah Electoral District to remain unchanged	Support
Liberal Party	Dawesville Electoral District to expand north to include western portion of Coodanup locality;	Oppose
	Mandurah Electoral District to relinquish western portion of Coodanup locality to Dawesville Electoral District; to relinquish western portion of Greenfields locality to Murray-Wellington Electoral District; and to expand north to include Singleton, Golden Bay and Secret Harbour localities;	Oppose
Greens (WA)	Mandurah Electoral District to gain North Yunderup locality from Murray-Wellington Electoral District	Neutral
A. Fels	South Metropolitan Region to expand south to include Mandurah and Dawesville Electoral Districts; South West Region to relinquish Mandurah and Dawesville Electoral Districts	Oppose
M. Mulcair	Mandurah Electoral District to gain North Yunderup locality from Murray-Wellington Electoral District	Neutral

Whilst the City of Mandurah considers that no change is necessary to its existing Electoral District boundaries at the 2011 Electoral Distribution, it acknowledges that at some stage, the adjacent Murray-Wellington Electoral District boundary will require adjustment due to its rapid growth. The City notes that two submissions have called for the locality of North Yunderup to be relocated from the Murray-Wellington Electoral District to the Mandurah Electoral District.

Whilst the City's preference is for its existing Electoral Districts to remain unchanged, it is not opposed to the relocation of North Yunderup into the Mandurah Electoral District. During the previous 2007 Electoral Distribution, the localities of Barragup and Furnissdale were transferred from the (then) Murray Electoral District to the Mandurah Electoral District. North Yunderup is adjacent to these localities, and therefore shares a community of interest with each.

The City's preference is for Local, State and Federal electoral boundaries to align; however, it accepts that this outcome is not always possible if equitable electoral enrolments are to be maintained. Therefore, the City of Mandurah does not oppose the suggestion to relocate the locality of North Yunderup into the Mandurah Electoral District.

However, the City does oppose the proposed expansion of the Dawesville Electoral District, reduction of the Mandurah Electoral District, and removal of the Mandurah and Dawesville Electoral Districts from the South West Region.

The localities of Singleton, Golden Bay and Secret Harbour maintain their community of interest within the City of Rockingham LGA, and the State Electoral District of Wambro. They do not share a community of interest with either the City of Mandurah or the Mandurah State Electoral District.

Further, the City of Mandurah and the Dawesville and Mandurah Electoral Districts are located within the South West Region, whilst the localities of Singleton, Golden Bay and Secret Harbour are within the South Metropolitan Region. The City of Mandurah is part of the Peel Region under the *Peel Region Scheme*, whilst the City of Rockingham is located within the Perth Metropolitan Region under the *Metropolitan Region Scheme*. Any attempt to integrate these boundaries would create considerable confusion, and a loss of community of interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the 2011 Electoral Distribution.

Yours sincerely

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