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Dear Sirs

### **Response to Suggested Electoral Boundaries**

My comments are primarily in response to the Labor Party's suggested boundaries for the Darling Range Electoral District. I make the following comments.

First, although no estimates of the number of electors in the District is provided in the submission, I do question whether the number of electors would be within the prescribed range. The area is much larger geographically than is currently the case and I suspect that the number of electors would be significantly higher than the maximum allowed.

Second, I note that parts of the proposed boundary follows minor streets within suburbs. In particular, this is the case in the Gooseberry Hill/Kalamunda area, where little thought appears to have been given to following more obvious boundaries.

The result would be that most, but not all, of Gooseberry Hill would be in the proposed Midland electorate and most, but not all, of Kalamunda would be in Darling Range.

The current boundary between Midland and Darling Range in part follows minor roads and divides Gooseberry Hill. This has led to significant dissatisfaction with some residents of Gooseberry Hill who naturally relate much more strongly to Kalamunda, with which Gooseberry Hill is contiguous.

Another example of the suggested boundary following minor roads is in the Kelmscott area, for example Castlerose Rise.

I note that the boundaries suggested in the Liberal Party's submission generally follow either major natural or road features or suburb boundaries.

I submit these comments for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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