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The Electoral Commissioners
The Secretary
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Re: Submissions to the 2011 Electoral Redistribution.

As the Member of Mandurah I would like to make a number of points regarding the submissions that were received by the Electoral Commissioners as you prepare to determine the Electoral Boundaries for seats in the Western Australian Parliament. I have read all submissions relating to my seat, the Seat of Mandurah and make the following observations/recommendations.

1. The Electoral Commissioners 2007 Determination.

I note that in the Commissioners determination of electoral boundaries in 2007 it is stated " ...the Commissioners have not considered it necessary to determine any district boundaries that span the Perth metropolitan area boundary."

I note that the Liberal Party submission once again seeks to add the southern localities of the City of Rockingham (localities of Singleton, Golden Bay and Secret Harbour) to the Seat of Mandurah at the expense of the already existing central Mandurah suburbs of Coodanup, Riverside Gardens and Greenfields being incorporated into the adjoining seat of Murray Wellington.

This proposal is not logical because there is a clear existing community of interest to have all northern and eastern suburbs of Mandurah maintained in the central seat of Mandurah. Adding urbanised areas of Mandurah (as proposed by the Liberal Party) into the predominately rural seat of Murray Wellington would be against the principal of maintaining the boundary along community of interest and clear regional/ council boundary criteria.

The localities of Greenfields, Riverside Gardens, Coodanup and Nairns all have a strong and enduring connection to the centre of Mandurah.

The determination of the Commissioners is as applicable today as it was in 2007 with respect to the metropolitan area boundary.

2. Identity of Mandurah and Dawesville seats.

It is important that the City of Mandurah continues to deliver two seats to the Western Australian Legislative Assembly. Historically this has been determined by creating and maintaining two seats. One, the Seat of Mandurah, encompassing the northern, central and eastern localities of the City and the other, the Seat of Dawesville encompassing the southern localities of the City. This should continue to be a key objective for this redistribution.

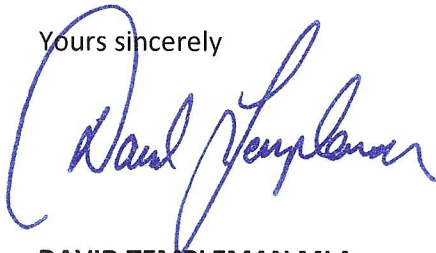
I note that there is some discrepancy in numbers between the seats of Mandurah and Dawesville with Dawesville being 0.35% above the average district enrolment at 06/09/2010 and Mandurah being 3.56% below the average district enrolment.

An adjustment to the southern boundary of the seat of Mandurah to reunite the locality of Dudley Park and restore it to the seat of Mandurah would address this discrepancy (making the boundary the Mandurah Bypass Road).

I suggest that if any adjustment is required to the boundaries of the seat of Murray Wellington these could add the locality of Stakehill to the seat of Mandurah and the coastal settlements of the Shire of Waroona to the seat of Dawesville.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the submissions received.

Yours sincerely



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