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Mr Justin Harbord
Secretary to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Mr Harbord

I wish to make a number of comments in respect to the submission made by the Liberal Party of WA in respect to the 2011 redistribution of State Boundaries.

The Liberal submission incorporates the entire state, however I wish to restrict my comments to the boundaries that currently constitute the state seat of Forrestfield.

I presume that the Liberal Party made a typographical error in calling the seat Forrestdale and are not proposing to change the name of the seat to a locality that does not exist within its boundaries, I fear that any such move would create considerable confusion among voters.

The substance of their submission is the excision of the Locality of Maddington and the movement of the southern boundary to the Perth-Armadale railway.

At present the southern boundary is defined at the Canning River. This is a logical boundary as the river forms a more realistic separation of communities of interest than the railway would. The residents of this area share many facilities with those who live in the neighboring district of Kenwick and regard themselves as a single community.

In respect to the removal of Maddington from the seat, I believe the commission should give some thought to the fragmentation of the City of Gosnells that is currently occurring across five state seats. The large number of state parliamentarians representing this area presents an on-going challenge and burden upon the City of Gosnells. In considering the current population and future growth trends I would submit that an effort should commence to eliminate the seat of Kalamunda from the City of Gosnells thereby reducing the burden on the City of Gosnells and providing clarity to the community of Maddington/Kenwick as to whom their representative is. I believe that boundaries that are shared between the seat of Forrestfield and Kalamunda within the Shire of Kalamunda could be altered to accommodate this outcome.

I thank the Commissioners for their consideration of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Waddell