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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Written Objection to Proposed Electoral Boundaries – Balcatta/Girrawheen (Hamersley)

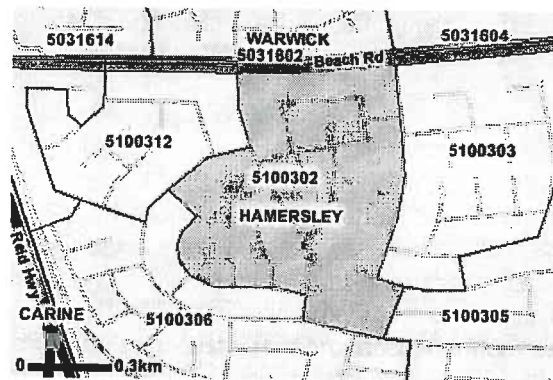
I wish to object to the proposed electoral boundary drawn through the western part of the suburb of Hamersley, along Eglinton Crescent (misspelt in the document as Eglington) and Belvedere Road. This line appears to be purely arbitrary, meets none of the criteria to be considered by the Commissioners, and most particularly divides a single community of interest.

No justification has been made for the decision to split West Hamersley as opposed to any other suburb – why, for instance, is Balcatta inviolable, or Greenwood? Many West Hamersley residents that I have spoken to are very concerned and worried that our already-overlooked suburb's issues (in particular transport and education) will now be buck-passed between two different very-safe-Labor politicians with no stake or interest in managing our concerns, and the boundary change will hence frustrate any attempt to resolve them. Others have questioned whether the boundary line will cause a decrease in land prices northeast of the boundary due to an association with Girrawheen.

- **Community of interest** – West Hamersley is a single community of interest, united by shared use of Glendale Primary School, Hamersley Community Recreation Centre and associated sports clubs (many of which have "Hamersley-Carine" in the title), Aintree-Eglinton Reserve, and Centro Warwick shopping centre. The 347, 449 and 457 bus routes which serve the suburb and which are one of the key political issues in West Hamersley, cover residents from both sides of the proposed boundaries. The Eglinton/Erindale intersection is of concern to all residents in West Hamersley (it is a registered Black Spot receiving Main Roads funding), but has been split by the proposed boundary. From 1973 until 1979, the suburb had its own newspaper, The Hamersley Gazette, which was produced by locals until 1976 before being acquired by Bill Marwick and eventually becoming The Stirling Times.
- **Land use patterns** – The land use patterns in West Hamersley are uniform throughout. The suburb was developed in 1968-1972 as a single estate with various releases as part of the Hamersley Development Scheme, which also included Warwick, Greenwood, Carine and Duncraig. The eastern parts of Warwick and Greenwood were built at the same time as, and under the same plan as, West Hamersley. There are no higher density areas in the suburb – the entire suburb is zoned R20 (as is Carine – see attached zoning map) – and the cul-de-sac parks and reserves which are a distinctive feature of the suburb's design can be found both west and east of Belvedere Road. Almost no public housing exists within Hamersley.
- **Means of communication and distance from the capital** – There are two postboxes in West Hamersley – at Hamersley Community Recreation Centre and Warwick Shopping Centre. West Hamersley is within the Hamersley Telstra exchange region along with Carine and Warwick. The population relies on the 347, 449 and 457 bus routes which ferry passengers to Warwick Train Station at the suburb's northwestern corner. Vehicle exits from the suburb are at Eglinton Crescent (a proposed boundary), Beach/Belvedere (a proposed boundary), Beach/Glendale and Beach/Aintree. This means that most parts of West Hamersley are the same distance from the city.
- **Physical features** – No distinguishing physical features separate West Hamersley internally. However, West Hamersley is itself separated from the rest of the Balcatta electorate by the Balcatta industrial area and Reid Highway, and from the Girrawheen electorate by the ABC tower, Wanneroo Road and Warwick Open Space. It is, however, directly linked to Carine via a footbridge, BikeWest bike path and Beach Road. Hamersley residents use the sports and recreation facilities at Lake Carine Reserve about 600 metres west of the suburb's western boundary.

- **Existing boundaries of regions and districts** – The Hamersley suburb and 6022 postcode are bordered by Reid Highway, Wanneroo Road, Beach Road and Mitchell Freeway. The federal electorate of Stirling boundary is Beach Road, and includes all of Hamersley. Historically, both federally (prior to 1984 when subdivisions existed) and in state elections, Hamersley was always grouped with Carine and Karrinyup.
- **Existing local government boundaries** – The City of Stirling boundary is Beach Road, and includes all of Hamersley within Hamersley Ward along with Carine and Gwelup. The District Planning Scheme No.2 (PMA 2) explicitly covers Carine and Hamersley as a shared area of interest, and meetings were recently held at Hamersley Community Recreation Centre to discuss planning and development in both areas jointly. A copy of the Scheme map is attached along with a City of Stirling page on Local Area Planning
- **The trend of demographic changes** – Hamersley, Warwick and Greenwood have comparable demographic trends in that they are stable, with some attrition (about 1% per year), a median age slightly in advance of the Perth population as a whole, a median house price at about the Perth median, an even mix of resident employees between professional/managerial, clerical/service and trades, and historically, very similar voting patterns at State and Federal elections (broadly speaking, marginal Liberal). This contrasts sharply with the surrounding areas of Balcatta, Balga and Girrawheen to the south and east. The proposed boundaries mean that over 50% of our population will be permanently unrepresented (as has been the case for some time) as it will be split between two safe Labor electorates instead of a marginal Liberal one.

One other point of objection with regards to the proposed boundaries is that two of Hamersley's six Census Collection Districts, 5100302 and 5100305, are split by the proposed boundaries so that it is impossible to determine demographic differences across the proposed boundary.



Source: <http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/ABSNavigation/ImageServer?d=map,Census,2001,5100302>

Alternatives to the proposed boundaries

Based on the above points it would seem that West Hamersley exists within two shared communities of interest:

1. Hamersley-Warwick-Greenwood (based on demographics, political orientation, development and shared history, as well as association with Warwick train station and Centro Warwick shopping centre). This is currently split between Balcatta and Kingsley under present boundaries, and Balcatta, Girrawheen and Kingsley under proposed boundaries.
2. Hamersley-Carine (based on City of Stirling planning, shared community organisations, shared use of the reserve and recreational facilities at Lake Carine and association with the Reid Highway). This is currently split between Balcatta and Carine under present boundaries, and Balcatta, Girrawheen and Carine under proposed boundaries.

I recognise that all of the electorates are slightly overpopulated based on the mean of 21,350, however, the region under discussion is stable and presently declining at a rate of 0.5-1% per year in population (based on the 1996, 2001 and 2006 censuses).

It is sadly not possible on population grounds to recommend that Hamersley and Warwick be integrated northwards into Kingsley electorate, as Kingsley-Woodvale is an inseparable community of interest based on development history (Kingsley was in fact called Woodrise in the original planning).

Proposal 1

- Integrate West Hamersley into *Carine*. This region has 2919 people according to the ABS (CCDs 5100302, -0303, -0305, -0306, -0312, -0314)
- Set northern boundary for Carine to be Warwick Road, hence resolving an artificial boundary in eastern Duncraig at Carlyle Crescent. This region has 778 people according to the ABS (CCDs 5031415 and 5031416)
- Include Gwelup south of North Beach/Erindale Road into *Balcatta* – it is a community of interest with western Balcatta and Stirling, and distinctly separate to both Hamersley/Carine and to Karrinyup. This region has 1610 people according to the ABS (CCDs 5100901 and 5100915). This offset compensates Balcatta for the loss to Carine.

End result:

- Carine +2919 people (West Hamersley)
- Carine -770 people (Glengarry Duncraig)
- Carine -1610 people (South Gwelup)
- +539 people net

- Girrawheen -1365 people (West Hamersley) approx*

- Hillarys +770 people (Glengarry Duncraig)

- Balcatta -1554 people (West Hamersley) approx*
- Balcatta +1610 people (South Gwelup)
- +56 people net

(Assuming 410 people in Balcatta side of split CCDs)

This would have flowon effects elsewhere – e.g. Girrawheen might need to take Eastern Greenwood, or Joondalup Eastern Padbury, to balance up the numbers – but seems like a reasonable proposition that respects shared communities of interest.

Proposal 2 –

- Integrate West Hamersley into *Balcatta*. This would involve moving about 1365 people from Girrawheen (CCDs 5100303 and parts of -0302 and -0305)
- Integrate a section of Balcatta bounded by Jones St, Amelia St, Main Street and Delawney Street, and the Balcatta Industrial Area east of Erindale Road, into *Girrawheen*. These sections are distinguishable from the rest of Balcatta by income and land use, as well as a markedly higher South East Asian demographic in common with many parts of Girrawheen. This region has 1036 people (CCDs 5100316 and 5100318).

End result (Girrawheen loses 329 people to Balcatta):

- Girrawheen -1365 people (West Hamersley) approx* (keeps East Hamersley)
- Girrawheen +1036 people (NE Balcatta)

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- Balcatta -1036 people (NE Balcatta)

(Assuming 410 people in Balcatta side of split CCDs)

While this solution is less appropriate from a community standpoint (and still leaves us in the situation we are in under present boundaries of being a marginal, Liberal-leaning suburb in a solidly working-class Labor electorate whose member would have little motivation to comprehend or manage our issues), it's also easier as it is simply a direct tradeoff between the two electorates and does not have wider impacts on other electorates.

I hope that this objection and these proposals are given due consideration by the Commissioners.

Yours faithfully



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Local Area Planning

Local Area Planning is a contemporary approach to planning that concentrates on planning for a defined locality, rather than broad plans that cover the entire City, or plans based on individual issues. The City initiated the Local Area Planning project in early 2006 with a pilot project in the Dianella Local Area. Following on from the success of this pilot, Council has established a programme for conducting studies across the City.

Balcatta - Stirling

Consultation with the Balcatta and Stirling community took place in February - March 2007 through community, business and youth surveys, and two community forums. The results of the surveys and forums are currently being compiled and will be reported to Council and the community in May 2007.

A Balcatta - Stirling Local Area Plan will be prepared and advertised in the coming months.

* Carine - Hamerlsey

Consultation with Carine and Hamersley residents, property and business owners, community groups and other stakeholders is taking place in May - June 2007. Following this, a draft Local Area Plan will be prepared for public comment.

Consultation commenced with the distribution of surveys to a large, random sample of residents, and will also include public forums and youth consultation. Two community planning forums for the local area will take place on Saturday 23 June and Wednesday 27 June 2007, and will be open to all residents, property owners, business operators or community organisations in the local area.

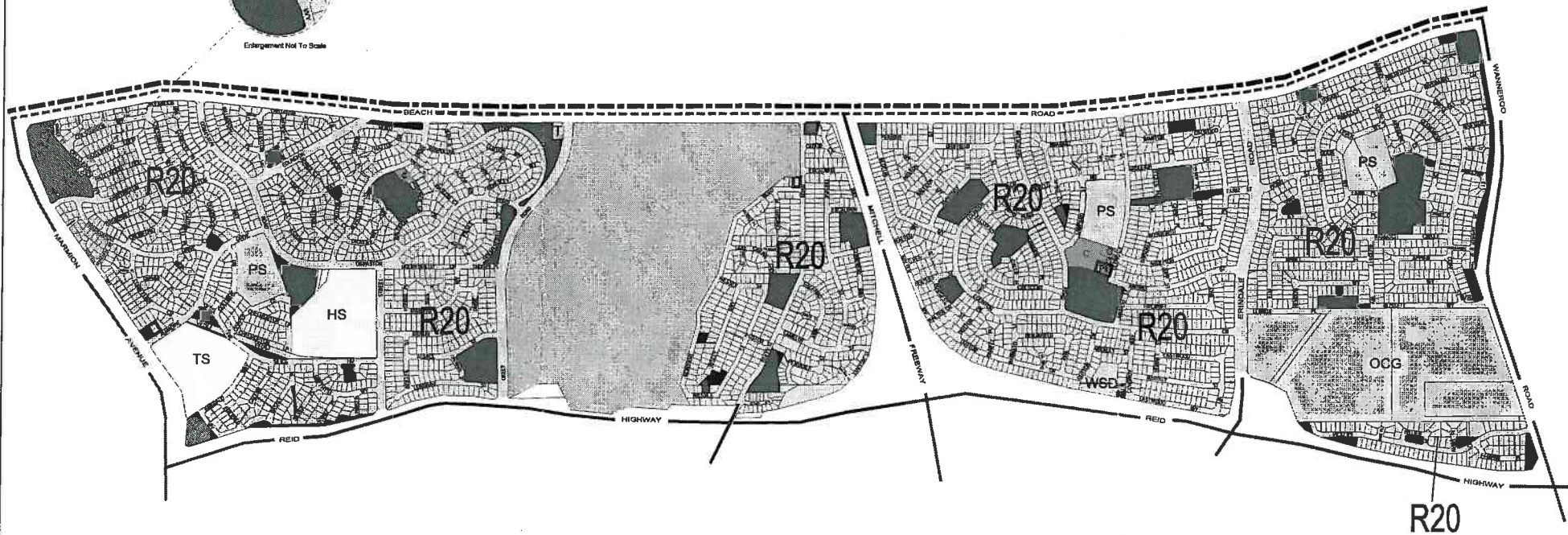
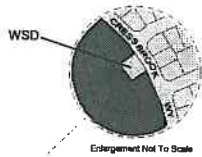
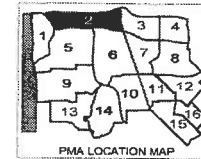
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 DISTRICT PLANNING SCHEME NO. 2
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(Carrie-Hamersley)



Note

RESERVES FOR "IMPORTANT REGIONAL ROAD", "OTHER MAJOR HIGHWAY" AND "CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY" ARE SHOWN DIAGRAMMATICALLY.
 INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF ACTUAL ROAD WIDENING REQUIREMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MINISTRY FOR PLANNING.

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THE CITY DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY, HOWSOEVER ARISING, FOR ANY VARIATION IN ZONINGS AND RESERVES DEPICTED ON THIS MAP AND THOSE SHOWN ON THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT PLANNING SCHEME NO. 2 MAPS (AS AMENDED)

