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Enquiries: Ms W Willey 6551 9148

1 July 2011

Secretary,
Electoral Distribution Commissioners,
GPO Box F 316,
PERTH WA 6841

Dear Sir

Re: 2011 ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES; SUBMISSION ON SWAN HILLS/WEST SWAN

The Swan Valley Planning Committee at its meeting on Monday 27 June 2011 resolved to make a submission on the boundary separating the electorates of Swan Hills and West Swan. We propose that the boundary between those electorates should give due consideration to the community of interest and pattern of land use within the Swan Valley by following as closely as possible the western boundary of the Swan Valley as described in Part 2 of the *Swan Valley Planning Act 1995*.

The Swan Valley Planning Committee is established under section 11 of the *Swan Valley planning Act 1995* and is comprised of a chairperson appointed by the Minister; representatives of the City of Swan; nominees of the Swan Chamber of Commerce, the Grape Growers Association of WA, the Swan Valley and Regional Winemakers Association, the Swan Valley Tourism Council; Chair of the WAPC nominee; and four representatives of special interests within the Swan Valley. Its function is to advise the Minister for Planning and the City of Swan on the coordination and promotion of sustainable land use in the Swan Valley.

The general planning objectives of the *Swan Valley Planning Act* as expressed in section 6 of the Act are:

the encouragement of traditional agricultural and other productive land uses of the area that complement its rural character, the protection of the environment and character of the area, the reduction of nutrient levels in the Swan River and the promotion of tourism that complements the rural character of the Swan Valley.

In this respect, the Swan Valley has been acknowledged by statute as having a community of interest worthy of protection within metropolitan regional

planning and land development. It also has a community of interest by virtue of its being Western Australia's oldest wine producing district and probably the sole remaining agricultural industrial area within the metropolitan region. The Department of Planning identified it in *Directions 2001 and Beyond* as a metropolitan attractor in the north east sub-region. Residents of the Valley enjoy a cohesive identity through their association with viticulture, wine-making and wine and food tourism.

The current and proposed boundary separating the electorates of Swan Hills and West Swan follows the Swan River from its confluence with Ellen Brook in the South to its confluence with Susannah Brook in the north. That boundary bifurcates the Swan Valley.

The Swan Valley Planning Committee respectfully submits that the Commissioners should have regard to the community of interest and prevailing pattern of land use within the Swan Valley by ensuring that the area designated in the *Swan Valley Planning Act 1995* is contained wholly within one electorate. After considering the population distribution within the two electorates and the significant growth anticipated from the urbanisation of the localities of Caversham and West Swan, we contend that the boundary should follow as closely as possible the western boundary of the Swan Valley as described in the Swan Valley Act.

We respectfully submit the following to options for the Commissioners' consideration:

OPTION 1: That the boundary should continue south of Gnangara Rd along Henley Brook Avenue to the intersection with Henley St;

from the intersection of Henley Brook Ave and Henley St along Henley St eastward to Georgeff St and then south-eastward along Georgeff St to the intersection with Park Rd;

from the intersection of Georgeff St and Park Rd eastward along Park Rd to the intersection with West Swan Rd, and then generally southward along West Swan Rd to the intersection with Benara Rd;

from the intersection of West Swan Rd and Benara Rd, westward to Lord St and then southward along Lord St to the Bassendean/City of Swan local government boundary.

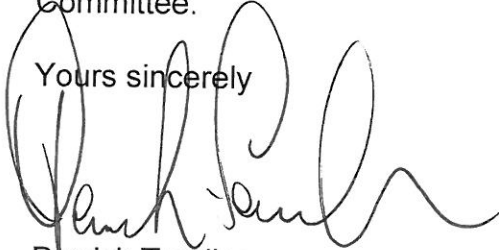
OPTION 2: That the boundary should continue south of Gnangara Rd along Henley Brook Avenue to the intersection with Henley St;

from the intersection of Henley Brook Ave and Henley St along Henley St eastward to Georgeff St and then south-eastward along Georgeff St to the intersection with Park Rd;

from the intersection of Georgeff St and Park Rd eastward along Park Rd to the intersection with West Swan Rd, and then generally southward along West Swan Rd to the Swan River at Barkers Bridge.

Could you please liaise with Ms Wendy Willey on 6551 9148 or via email Wendy.Willey@planning.wa.gov.au who is the Committee Support Officer for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derrick Tomlinson', written over the typed name below.

Derrick Tomlinson

CHAIRMAN

SWAN VALLEY PLANNING COMMITTEE