

The Secretary
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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City of Stirling Council

Western Australia's Proposed Electoral Boundaries

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of the Doubleview Ward of ratepayers, whom I represent within the City of Stirling area with regard to their objection to the proposed electoral boundaries.



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The Doubleview Ward represents the people in the suburbs of Woodlands and Churchlands who would prefer to stay within the one area and belong to the newly formed Scarborough region.

I have had numerous calls from people with their concerns over the proposed boundary changes particularly with the splitting of the Woodlands suburb in half. Many residents have lived in the neighbourhood for over forty years and feel that their property has been threatened by the proposal and believe that if the suburb is split then they will not be heard, especially on environmental grounds.

To support the ratepayer's case with regard to the opposition to the proposed boundary changes and in support of the boundary to follow most of the local government boundaries, I make the following comments as outlined in the Electoral Act, with particular reference to sections 16G and 161.

1 The average district enrolment:

The Churchlands region is proposed to have 22,754 electors, whereas the Scarborough region is proposed to have 462 less electors (22,292)

By keeping all the electors of the suburbs of Woodlands and Churchlands in the Scarborough region it will comply with this criteria and electors would be more evenly distributed.

2 Community of Interest:

The ratepayers of the area believe that their needs are different from those in the Claremont area and prefer and believe that with the proposed boundary their voices will be lost. A split in the suburb of Woodlands will compromise Pride in their suburb, many believe.

The use and associated funding for sporting grounds has also been brought to my attention. There are five main "A grade" hockey ovals in the metropolitan area and with this proposed state boundary change three of them will belong to one region, which will not be good for funding options or really for the Minister of sport in allocating funds to regions. If the whole of Woodlands suburb is placed in the Scarborough Region then the Hale Hockey oval would be in that region, leaving two hockey ovals in the Churchlands Region.

3 Physical features:

The suburb of Woodlands needs to remain as a whole suburb as it is important for the area to function as a whole environmentally and to ensure decision are not made piece meal by two different politicians and political leanings.

4 Demographics of the area

The majority of people living within the Woodlands area are retirees and pensioners and have more similar views to the people living in the Scarborough area to those who people who live in the Floreat Park area.

The people living in this area are more likely to use the service north of their homes in the Innaloo area than south of their homes in the Floreat / Claremont area.

5 Existing Local Government Boundaries:

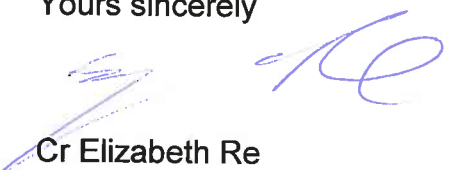
While it may not be logical to follow the whole of the local government boundary between the City of Stirling and the Town of Cambridge, I believe that the whole of the suburbs of Woodlands, Churchlands should continue to stay with in the Local Government Boundary of the City of Stirling. It would be easier from a both a local and state government perspective to manage areas if there is only one local government boundary

The Scarborough Region southern boundary should follow Jon Sanders drive around Herdsman Lake, with the lake being a natural boarder and then follow either down Hale Road to West Coast Highway (to include all of the suburb of Woodlands) or down Cromarity Road and Empire Avenue to West Coast highway to include all of the suburb of Woodlands and Churchlands.

This would mean all the current suburbs within the City of Stirling boundary would be in the Scarborough Electoral Region and all of the Town of Cambridge local government area would fall under the Churchlands Electoral Region. This would be enhanced governance from all views of management

I believe that it is important to listen to the concerns of the community and that there concerns are suitably addressed, pleased do not hesitate to contact me if you wish for further details to be provided and thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Yours sincerely



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