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The Secretary
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my objection to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries relating to West Swan. The decision to place the small corner of Ballajura bordered by Marangaroo Drive, Alexander Drive and Illawarra Cres Nth in the seat of Mirrabooka makes no sense.

This change would place the small number of affected residents in a seat that does not even fall in the same local council area as the vast majority of the electorate. No community issues would be common with residents from the remainder of the Mirrabooka seat. The voice of these residents would be significantly diminished. The seat of Mirrabooka currently has an enrolment of 25 088 while the seat of West Swan has 24 291. Moving the approximately 2000 electors disadvantaged by the changes would hardly alter the numbers. In fact it would improve the deviation from the 2010 Average District Enrolment.

Also, as a Polling Place Manager based at Illawarra Primary for over the past decade, I can also inform you that this area contains a sporting oval used for team games by residents from all over Ballajura. Election Days would become a nightmare if the school was zoned Mirrabooka. The number of absent votes would skyrocket. Ballajura is a suburb which has distinct physical boundaries. It's representation in State Parliament should remain united.

Yours sincerely



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