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Secretary
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
GPO Box F316
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Dear Sir or Madam

2011 Proposed Electoral Boundaries for Western Australia

I refer to the recent proposals published by the Electoral Distribution Commissioner's for changes to the electoral boundaries in Western Australia.

On behalf of the Councillors and electors of the Shire of Kalamunda, I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed boundaries for the Forrestfield and Belmont Districts of the East Metropolitan Region, released on 10 June 2011. The proposed change to these district boundaries through the inclusion of a portion of High Wycombe involving some 1,626 electors into the District of Belmont is not supported. The proposed transfer of only a portion of High Wycombe will alienate those electors from the balance of High Wycombe with whom they have a strong Community of Interest.

Additionally, the Perth Airport and adjacent Industrial Areas will alienate these electors from the main residential electorate area of the Belmont District with little prospect of developing any meaningful Community of Interest with the electors of the Belmont District.

Maintaining the current boundaries of the Forrestfield and Belmont Districts will not result in either having a greater elector enrolment deviation to the average district enrolment, than Districts such as Gosnells, Mirrabooka, Bassendean and Maylands.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully



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Shire President