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Secretary to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
GPO Box F316
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Dear Sir,

Council at its meeting held on 6th July, 2011 resolved to send you the following submissions in relation to the proposed new electoral boundaries. The whole of the City of Swan now covers seven State electorates - Mirrabooka, West Swan, Morley, Bassendean, Belmont, Midland and Swan Hills, whereas in the past this number was only six.

Councillors have raised the following in relation to the proposed new electoral boundaries concerns:

Ballajura

The suburb of Ballajura which for many years was the name of a State seat in Parliament has now been split with the section of Ballajura covered by Hepburn Avenue, Marangaroo Drive and Alexander Drive being placed into the electorate of Mirrabooka and not West Swan where the remainder of Ballajura and Malaga are located. It is considered that a better boundary alignment would retain all of Ballajura in the electorate of West Swan. The number of electors in Mirrabooka could be increased by moving its boundary further to the south of Ravenswood Drive. The number of electors in the electorate of Morley could be increased by moving the boundary to the east of Tonkin Highway, following the local government boundary between Bayswater and Swan to reduce the number of electors in West Swan.

Ellenbrook/Aveley

The electorate of Swan Hills which previously covered the growing suburb of Ellenbrook and Aveley has now been split with half of the area, Ellenbrook, being in West Swan and the other half being in Swan Hills, whilst Council is endeavouring to build cohesive communities in their growing suburbs around the Ellenbrook sub-regional centre. Building these communities and obtaining Government assistance will be made more difficult when having to deal with two State electorates and Members of Parliament. Alternatives will be discussed below.

Swan Valley

The suburbs of Henley Brook, Baskerville, Millendon, West Swan, Herne Hill and Middle Swan which make up the Swan Valley are covered by separate State legislation known as the Swan Valley Planning Act.



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The re-distribution of electoral boundaries splitting the Swan Valley in two is against the principles of land use patterns - the Swan Valley is a grape growing and tourism area and it is an existing well known region. The re-distribution has divided the area covered by the Swan Valley Planning Act between the electorates of West Swan and Swan Hills.

It is proposed that the boundaries be altered so that the Swan River boundary which divides the electorates of Swan Hills and West Swan be shifted westward to the proposed Henley Brook Drive (the western boundary of the Swan Valley Planning Act) and all of Aveley be added to West Swan to compensate if necessary.

Your consideration on these alterations is requested.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Foley', is written over the typed name.

M J Foley
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER