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The Secretary  
Electoral Distribution Commissioners  
GPO Box F316  
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Dear Commissioners,

### **Re: 2007 Electoral Distribution: Riverton District**

Having reviewed the boundaries proposed for the District of Riverton, South Metropolitan Region in the 2007 Electoral distribution released today, I make the following comments:

- The draft boundary for the north-west corner is identified as 'First Avenue' although the map location of the boundary would seem to suggest that the Commission intended that this should in fact read 'Fifth Avenue'. Fifth Avenue has historically and sensibly defined the District's north-western boundary connection to the Canning River.
- The draft south-west corner of the district is indicated as following the local government boundary between the Cities of Melville and Canning - which isolates a small section of Leeming from the rest of its natural community (and indeed, the suburb). On the basis of school catchments, social and sporting club activity and the ongoing (but as yet unresolved) discussion between the two Cities to rationalise this boundary, it would be most appropriate to rely on the six-lane South Street to set the south-west boundary. South Street and its extension, Ranford Road would then provide a continuous and cohesive boundary for the Riverton District from Karel Avenue in the west through to the Southern freight rail line in the south.
- The draft north-east boundary connecting to the Canning River is proposed as Duff Road, Riverton. Some years ago, this was the suburb boundary and the defining street for school catchments. As a result of community consensus and lobbying, the suburb boundaries for Ferndale and Riverton were re-aligned further east to Bannister Creek. Bannister Creek has historically been a boundary for the seat of Riverton and it would be appropriate in the context of the current draft redistribution to make use of this natural social and physical boundary. Making this adjustment would also avoid isolating people in the Duff Rd – Bannister

Creek section from the rest of their community. To accomplish this, the north-east boundary could appropriately be drawn on the current proposed High Rd alignment as far as Metcalfe Rd; then east on Metcalfe Road to Bannister Creek; and then north along Bannister Creek to the Canning River.

Adjusting the boundaries to the Riverton District in the way proposed would result in a near zero sum gain in population for this seat. Approximately 380 electors would move out of Riverton to the proposed district of Jandakot and approximately 350 move into the district of Riverton from the proposed district of Cannington – making adjustments to both Jandakot and Cannington that would bring them closer to the mean of the Region's average District enrolment deviation.

Thankyou for the opportunity to make comment on the draft boundaries. I wish you well in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony McRae', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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