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The Commissioners

As a long standing resident of the suburb of Hamersley I wish to object to the way the proposed distribution ignores any community of interest of the residents of Hamersley.

In regard to the proposed boundaries I would like to ask you three questions.

1. Why is Hamersley split into two parts?
2. There is clearly a natural boundary along Wanneroo Rd. Why is the larger part of Hamersley allied with Girrawheen?
3. There is also a natural boundary created by the Balcatta industrial zone. Why is a portion of Hamersley joined to Balcatta?

There is a much greater community of interests between Hamersley and Carine and Hamersley and Warwick. This community of interests is created by schools, transport, recreation, shopping centres, sporting and community groups and the shared history of development of the area.

Clearly it is disadvantageous to Hamersley residents to be represented by two different Members of Parliament both of whom will see the Hamersley section of their electorates as an add on to the majority portion. Who could envisage either representative campaigning for amenities or upgrades to community facilities in an "outlying province" of their electorate?

While I am aware that you have an obligation to balance electorates numerically, Hamersley has been disadvantaged long enough by arbitrary "lines of convenience". I sincerely hope that the Commissioners can have another look at the proposed boundaries and come up with something better.

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