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Dear Ms Auld

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

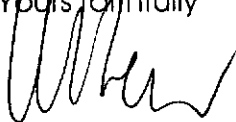
Thank you for your letter dated 17 December 2002 in which you advised that a review of the electoral boundaries will be carried out to determine the electorates for the next State general election.

Council, at its meeting on 25 February 2003 resolved to recommend to the WA Electoral Commission the preservation of the existing State electoral boundary of South Perth for the following reasons:

- The existing State electoral boundary is for all practical purposes identical to the Local Government boundary of the City and to that extent is unusual and unique in WA. The boundaries have been the same since at least 1994 and there is no apparent argument or justification to change either boundary at this time.
- The number of registered electors contained on the recent electoral roll for the position of Mayor in the City provided by the WA State Electoral Commission was 23 722 electors. This number is well within the 15% variation allowed by the Commissioners, as the variation from the quotient is only approximately 10%.
- The City of South Perth is bounded by the Swan and Canning Rivers on its northern, western and southern boundaries which in itself creates an unusual border for which there is no opportunity to either increase or decrease the number of electors in those directions.
- The Swan and Canning Rivers provide a natural barrier and is therefore consistent with the physical feature factor.

- The only reasonable or realistic opportunity therefore for a boundary adjustment is on the eastern boundary, but that boundary to a large extent follows main roads, ie Manning Road, Kent Street, Baron-Hay Court, George Street and properties to the rear of Berwick Street to Canning Highway. However, there appears to be no imperative to change these boundaries to any great extent.
- There is little or no change to the total population numbers or electors located within the boundary.
- Apart from a small number of development opportunities within the City of South Perth, the municipality is fully developed with little or no opportunity for expansion in population.
- As the City of South Perth and the State electoral boundary have been established for some time, relevant communication systems within the electorate currently exist and work adequately.

Yours faithfully



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CC Hon Phillip Pandal MLA
Member for South Perth