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Caring For Our Community

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 2011 ELECTORAL DISTRIBUTION

I write on behalf of the Balga Action Group, concerning the proposed electoral boundaries re-distribution and thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns.

In the last decade the suburb of Balga has seen up to three Members of Parliament serve the suburb of Balga at the same time which causes confusion within the community as to which MLA has responsibility for the area in which they reside, and on Election Day.

In addition during the time of more than one Member of Parliament representing the electorate, we were used to having any two sitting candidates from each party operating out of the same electoral booth during elections, causing a greater confusion and anger especially from voters who did not fully appreciate who they were voting for.

The Balga community is a multicultural community and voters often identify with a party and not necessarily the candidate therefore with two candidates from the same party sharing the same booth, and system, it did not take long for electoral officers to become frustrated at a time they were otherwise busy conducting the election. Since being represented by a single candidate from each party at election time, the election process runs smoothly.

It is our submission that the residents of Balga should properly be served by only one Member of Parliament to ensure a relevant connection to the community and a trouble free election process.

Yours sincerely



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PRESIDENT
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