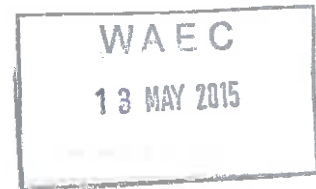




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Dear Commisssioners

2015 Electoral Boundary Review

I refer to the current WA Electoral Commission Re-distribution Process and note a number of submissions have been received by the Commission regarding the future status of the Electoral Districts of Mandurah and Dawesville.

I particularly note that the Shire of Nannup has seen fit to provide a Submission that entirely focuses on the electoral Districts of Mandurah and Dawesville (as these encompass the totality of the municipality of the City of Mandurah). I find it very interesting that the Shire of Nannup has entirely focused on the Mandurah based electorates, claiming that these Districts would be “....more suitably aligned with the South Metropolitan Region.”

I respectfully request the Commissioners consider the following:

1. The City of Mandurah, which encompasses the existing Electoral District seats of Mandurah and Dawesville, continue to exist outside the MRPA boundary and is one of five local governments that make up the Peel Region. The Peel Region was established through an Act of Parliament and as a region is eligible for funding from the Royalties for Regions Program. Excising Mandurah and Dawesville into the Southern Metropolitan area would directly undermine the existing Peel Region and the City's eligibility for such funding.
2. The City of Mandurah remains the largest regional city in the state and has a clear community of interest with the adjoining Shire of Murray, the other Peel Region Shires and is recognised as the Peel Regions capital.
3. At the previous Electoral Re-distribution the Commission decided to ensure both the Electoral Districts of Mandurah and Dawesville remain in the South West. It is important to note that the Commission successfully determined for growth in the South West Seats, with all seats in the South West maintaining electoral numbers within the plus or minus 10 percent margin.
4. The metropolitan seats to the north of the Electoral District of Mandurah are all significantly over the average district enrolment level (ADE) and to simply add both Mandurah and Dawesville to the South Metropolitan Area will not address the enrolment imbalance. Instead it is more logical to transfer a seat from regional WA and create a new seat in the south metropolitan area to bring south metropolitan seats within the enrolment threshold and also cater for future growth.

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5. The localities that make up the City of Mandurah are ALL encompassed within the two Mandurah based seats, being the Electoral Districts of Mandurah and Dawesville. Some submissions to the Commission seek to disperse these localities between three seats (including Mandurah, Dawesville and Murray-Wellington). This is not logical. The City of Mandurah's localities should remain within the two existing Electoral Districts of Mandurah and Dawesville.
6. I have had the two localities of Furnissdale and Barragup (localities of the Shire of Murray) within my electorate for two election cycles. The inclusion of these two localities are based upon community of interest concerns and should remain in the Seat of Mandurah.
7. The Commission may consider renaming the existing Dawesville seat, South Mandurah, as this better describes the existing seat's geography.

In conclusion, I urge the Commissioners, in your deliberations, to acknowledge the strong regional identity of the City of Mandurah and the very strong view that the City of Mandurah remain in the South West District AND continues to deliver to the Western Australian Parliament, two seats configured from the municipality.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Templeman', written in a cursive style.

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