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Dear Commissioners,

Comments on the State Redistribution Submissions.

Recently I was made aware of the Electoral Boundary Review that is currently taking place. I have read the submissions that have been received in this Review and would like to formally make the following comments.

As a local resident of the suburb of Ballajura I have found that having the suburb divided over two separate electorate boundaries (West Swan and Mirrabooka) since 2013 is not only confusing but also very damaging to the community spirit of the area. The importance of living in a community where the local high school, shopping centers and residents are all represented under the one electorate cannot be understated.

At a time when there is such emphasis on the community coming together and working together our suburb has been divided in two by none other than the Electoral Commission.

The splitting of the suburb breaks a strong community interest. Ballajura is separated from other suburbs by Alexander Drive and Marshall Road, both major roads. We have a strong community of interest, sharing one high school and other services such as our senior citizen clubs.

Children attending local schools have different political representations. There is confusion over who the local member is for different parts of the suburb and there is a divide between two electorates within the one suburb.

Residents of Ballajura share the same concerns when it comes to issues within our community, with any change in Ballajura affecting all residents. Ballajura is one suburb not two and as a result we should be represented as one electorate; represented by one Member of Parliament who understands the local issues which affect us all. It is not logical for the suburb of Ballajura to remain divided.

I urge you to consider rejoining the suburb of Ballajura in the 2015 Electoral Boundary Review.

Yours sincerely
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