

Submission in support of objection to the proposed Boundary Changes – West Swan (Mann)

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove Madeley (north), which is the residential area bounded by Gnangara Rd, Wanneroo Road and the proposed Whitfords Avenue extension from the Electorate of Wanneroo and to add this small area to the electorate of West Swan (Mann).

The greater suburb of Madeley is in the electorate of Girrawheen, but the small residential section to the north, divided by Gnangara Rd which is currently in the electoral area of Wanneroo. Gnangara Rd is the boundary. Currently this pocket consists of approximately 120 established residences with development and construction occurring for approximately another 120 residences.

This would give at completion, around 240 residences, a mix of R20 and R40 with approximately 450 residents eligible to vote.

The area surrounding this small pocket, to the north and east bounded by Gnangara Rd, Wanneroo Rd and Ocean Reef Drive, is the commercial and industrial area of Wangara which only has a handful of residential premises in it and these are being purchased and the land developed for commercial purposes.

Gnangara Rd Madeley is currently under review by Main Roads WA and the City of Wanneroo to be listed as a local road, not a distributor road as the area is better suited in this respect by Ocean Reef Road to the north.

What local issues would this small residential pocket have in common with the other residential areas in West Swan? The residents in Madeley, on both sides of Gnangara Rd, are currently involved in political agitation to have changes made to Gnangara Rd and have the proposed extension to Whitford Avenue hastened. Both the member for Wanneroo and Girrawheen are involved, along with the City of Wanneroo.

Not only do the majority other suburbs in West Swan have nothing in common with Madeley (north), they are in a different local government area, Swan, whereas Madeley (north) and Wangara are in the local government area of Wanneroo.

I seek consideration for the this area not be part of the electorate of West Swan due to the very limited number of electors in this area which should not have any effect on the numbers of other electorates, the lack of commonality with electors in the proposed electorate; and the fact that there appears to be no consideration of local government boundaries when making this decision.

I propose that that the residential and commercial/industrial areas included in the area bounded by Gnangara Rd, Wanneroo Rd and Ocean Reef Rd which take in the small residential area of Madeley (north) and the larger commercial/industrial suburb of Wangara either:

1. Remain in the current electorate of Wanneroo, or
2. Be moved to the adjacent electorate of Girrawheen.

I would include a map of the area in question but am unable to print even after contacting the Electoral Commission.

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