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Electoral Boundaries WA
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Dear Commissioners

PROPOSED STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

On Tuesday 11 August, Shire of Mundaring formally considered the proposed 2015 State Electoral Boundaries.

If the Districts are amended as proposed, the Mundaring shire will span parts of the Districts of Kalamunda, Midland, Salvado and Darling Range.

Council resolved to submit the following on the proposed boundaries:

1. Council is cognisant of the complexity of the Commissioners' tasks of balancing the legislative requirements of elector numbers in Districts with the prescribed factors that are required to be considered.
2. Council notes that the proposed 2015 distribution will largely meet its request of 11 May 2015 that the proposed Districts are consistent with the settlement pattern and population distribution within the shire.
3. The District of Midland currently encompasses the more densely-settled western suburbs of Swan View (part), Greenmount, Midvale (part), Bellevue (part), Boya and Helena Valley. This area is home to approximately 35% of the shire population. No change is proposed for this part of the District.
4. It is proposed to extend the District of Kalamunda to include the suburbs of Glen Forrest, Mahogany Creek, Mundaring (part), Stoneville, Parkerville and Hovea, in addition to the existing suburb of Darlington. This will consolidate the proportion of the shire population in the District of Kalamunda from approximately 10% to an estimated 40%.

5. It is proposed to extend the District of Darling Range to include the suburbs of Malmalling, The Lakes, Gorrie, Sawyers Valley (part) and Mundaring (part). This will re-include a small proportion of the shire Electoral Boundaries WA population (approximately 4%) in the District of Darling Range. Council notes that these constituents will be at the northern extremity of the District quite remote from the locus of population around Byford and Perth's south-eastern corridor. This will require particular attention from the Local Member to effectively represent these constituents.
6. The net result will reduce the coincidence of the District of Swan Hills (Salvado) and the Mundaring shire to the suburbs of Bailup, Wooroloo, Beechina, Chidlow, Mount Helena and Sawyers Valley (part). The shire population in the District will reduce from approximately 55% in Swan Hills to an estimated 21% in Salvado. Council notes that these constituents will be at the south-eastern extremity of the District quite remote from the locus of population around Ellenbrook. This will require particular attention from the Local Member to effectively represent these constituents.
7. Council notes the Commissioners' comments relating to naming of Districts, and the proposed change to a policy of naming Districts after prominent persons rather than locality names.
8. Council request that the proposed District of Kalamunda be renamed in the current distribution, noting that the locus and distribution of population after the proposed changes to the District of Kalamunda will result in a smaller cohort in Shire of Kalamunda and an increased cohort in Shire of Mundaring.

Yours sincerely



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