

Submission re: proposed electoral boundaries for Butler

I am the Ward Councillor for the Coastal Ward of the City of Wanneroo, which overlays, for the most part, the proposed seat of Butler.

I fully support the Electoral Commission's proposed boundary, the problem with the earlier boundary is that Butler included suburbs east of Wanneroo Road which have no social, economic or other areas of interest in common with the new fast growing suburbs to the west of Wanneroo Road, including Butler, Alkimos and Yanchep, which I represent.

The advantage that I see in your proposed boundary for Butler is that it encompasses communities/suburbs of common interest between Quinns Rocks and Two Rocks.

By saying that I mean all of these suburbs have the same burning issues:

1. Urgent road infrastructure, including northern extension of the freeway to Romeo Road.
2. The extension of the rail link through the electorate of Butler to Yanchep, which was a recommendation of the Government's own independent transport review.
3. Urgent demand for more schools, in particular secondary colleges.
4. Common environmental concerns:
  - (a) Coastal erosion; and
  - (b) Structure of the infrastructure and suburbs within the proposed electorate of Butler.

None of these issues are held in common with the people living inland on the eastern side of Wanneroo Road and as a local government councillor, it is far better to be dealing with a Member, as you propose, that is dealing with the suburbs of common interests between Quinns Rocks in the south Two Rocks in the north and Wanneroo Road to the east and the ocean to the west.

If I have any concern it is the number of electors proposed for this area as I believe by the time the election comes at current growth rates it is likely to exceed 28,000 people, however, I note that the number of people you are proposing in the electorate is lower than the mean average, to allow for growth, and falls within the permitted statutory variance and for these reasons, as a local government councillor, I support the proposed new boundaries for the State seat of Butler.

The City of Wanneroo is also making a submission on the State Electoral Boundaries which I fully endorse. This submission is a personal, additional one, which I believe takes into account my particular experience and knowledge of the seat of Butler of which I am an active community representative, both in my role as a Councillor and in a number of other volunteer roles with various community groups.

Yours sincerely

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