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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Commissioners say 10 seats outside enrolment limits: your chance to suggest changes for the future

The Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission has identified ten seats outside legislative limits for enrolment levels.

Advertisements seeking public suggestions for its review of State electoral boundaries have been placed in newspapers and online on 1 April 2023. Boundaries need to change between elections to take account of changes in enrolments.

Distribution Chair Eric Heenan has advised that the enrolment levels calculated for the 2023 review reveal that 10 of the State's Lower House districts are outside of the permitted enrolment levels and a number of others are close to the limit.

North West Central in the north of the state and Moore, immediately north of Perth, reflect very low enrolment numbers. There are a further 8 districts mostly around the metropolitan fringe which have excessive enrolment numbers. The one exception in this group is the Perth district where population growth in the inner city capital is driving this change.

'Obviously, this means that an absolute minimum of 10 districts will have their boundaries changed', Mr Heenan said.

'But when you take into account the domino effect that will result from these changes, the impact is likely to spread over quite a few other districts.'

'We are keen to get as wide a range of views as possible on the changes that should be made', Mr Heenan said.

Public suggestions can be made now until 5.00 pm Monday 1 May 2023.

Information about how to lodge a submission is available at [Making a Submission](#) on the Distribution website at www.boundaries.wa.gov.au. If you want to learn more about the distribution process see [2023 Review of State Electoral Boundaries Distribution Procedure](#) on the website's [Publications and Resources](#) page.

The 10 districts are detailed below. Maps indicating the focus areas for the Commission are also available with this statement or at [Publications and Resources](#) at www.boundaries.wa.gov.au. The following table shows Legislative Assembly districts where enrolment level is outside the limits permitted by the Electoral Act.

Districts Outside Permissible Limits

District	No. of Electors	Variation from Average District Enrolment [^]
Armadale	34,151	12.22%
Baldivis	35,906	17.99%
Butler	36,484	19.89%
Jandakot	34,756	14.21%
Mandurah	33,736	10.86%
Midland	33,629	10.51%
Moore	26,976	-11.36%
North West Central ¹	23,296	-23.45%
Perth	33,489	10.05%
West Swan	35,412	16.37%
	327,835	

¹ Includes Large District Allowance of 12,275

Ends

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