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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find in the attached Word document, my objection to the proposed boundaries of Hillarys and Padbury/Carine.

Best of regards

Matthew Thompson

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## Background

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived in, on present boundaries, either the seat of Hillarys or Kingsley for the last 30 years, and by extension, all but the first 2 years of my life, and I know the area very well. I shop at Whitford City, swim at Mullaloo and Whitfords Beaches, go to Hillarys Boat Harbour for meals, Mawson Park for a walk, Craigie Leisure Centre for a swim, Goodlife Hillarys to work out, and pay respects to my loved ones at Pinnaroo Cemetery. While living in the seat of Kingsley, where I attended school, I still frequently attended most of these locations, with friends, family or by myself.

The suburbs of Hillarys, Kallaroo, Craigie and Padbury, then known as the Whitford Development Scheme, were first developed at the same time, in the early 1970s, separate from the developments of suburbs further south, including Sorrento, North Beach, Duncraig and Carine, the first houses in Sorrento go back to the 1950s, and first in Duncraig in the 1960s. In both cases, the developments were quite a distance from the first releases in Hillarys (Kingston Estate) and Padbury (Daytona Estate).

This can be seen as early as 1974, you can make out the four Whitfords suburbs, and see the gap between the settlements in Padbury and Duncraig, and also Hillarys and Sorrento (modern day Hepburn Avenue is in red, modern day Mitchell Freeway is in blue)



The Whitford region, or the basis of the current seat of Hillarys, is also served by the Mullaloo surf club, areas in the current seat of Carine are served by the Sorrento and Trigg surf clubs. Whitford also has its own football and cricket clubs, as does the Carine area, a lot of these clubs date back several decades.

Furthermore, I have proposed the following for this redistribution, keeping the communities of interest of the current Hillarys and Carine largely intact. For a point of reference, the average district enrolment is **30432** for this redistribution.

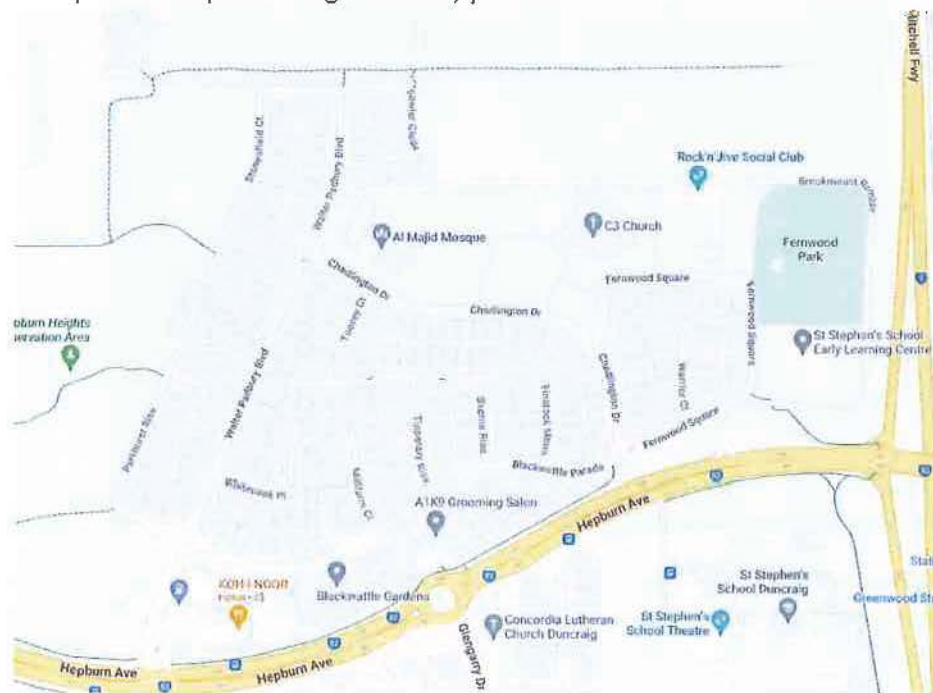


## New Seat Proposals

### Carine

I propose reuniting all of North Beach in the suburb of Carine, and tweaking the current seat as follows:

- Carine – 5009
- Duncraig – 11467
- Marmion – 1826
- North Beach (in current Carine) – 1141
- Sorrento – 6069
- Watermans Bay – 1107
- Carine (from current Scarborough) – 55
- North Beach (from current Scarborough) – 1680, taking these 1680 people out leaves new Scarborough with 30398 voters, or just 34 voters short of the quota.
- Total – **28354**, or **-6.93%** from the quota – to gain extra electors, I propose that Gwelup, if it is to be split, to be split between Carine and Scarborough, NOT Scarborough and Balcatta. The Mitchell Freeway has long been a divider of communities in Perth's northern suburbs, especially in this area, and Gwelup has little in common with suburbs to the east, such as Stirling or Balcatta itself, especially since the old market gardens were sold off.
- If Carine gained all of Gwelup (3557), it would have **31911** voters, or be **4.86%** over quota. Alternatively, if it gained half of Gwelup (let's say 1779 voters), and the southeast corner of Padbury, known as Hepburn Heights, which is separate from the rest of the suburb by bushland, and contains the early learning centre for Duncraig's St Stephen's School, and likely no more than 1000 voters, it would have **31313** voters, or be **2.89%** over quota. Here is a map of the Hepburn Heights estate, you can see the far northeast of Duncraig:



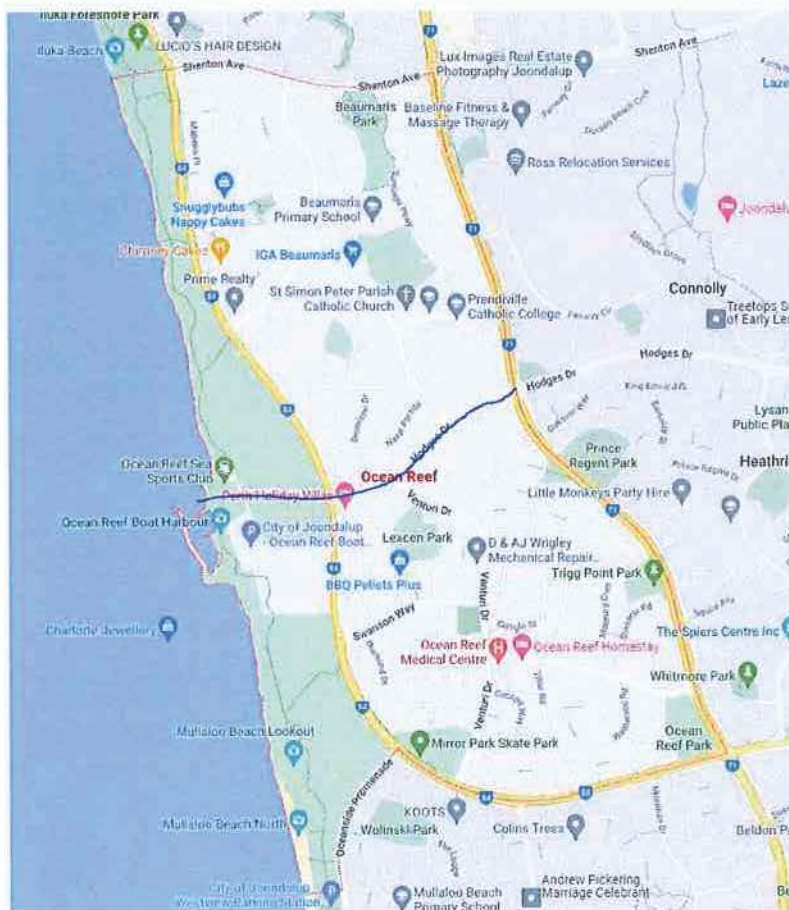
As this is largely an older, established area, Carine could gain all of Gwelup AND the Hepburn Heights estate and still be in the 10% tolerance (**8.14%** over quota), the average number of electors will only grow over time as well.

## Hillarys

For Hillarys, my home seat, I propose keeping the core 4 Whitfords suburbs intact within it, aside from possibly, as mentioned in Carine up above, the Hepburn Heights Estate of Padbury. I also advocate maintaining Mullaloo and Beldon, which use largely the same services the Whitfords suburbs do, especially before Joondalup town centre was developed in the 1990s.

- Beldon – 2884
- Craigie – 4534
- Hillarys – 8464
- Kallaroo – 4130
- Mullaloo – 4518
- Padbury – 6125, or 5125 (approximately) without the Hepburn Heights Estate
- Total – **30655/29655**, or **0.7%/-2.6%** above/below the quota

The southern, older part of Ocean Reef is also proposed to join Hillarys. Ocean Reef as a whole has 6057 electors, but a majority of Ocean Reef's land area, and thus population, resides north of Hodges Drive in the Beaumaris estate, and will be continuing in the seat of Joondalup. The map below shows Ocean Reef, the blue line is Hodges Drive, splitting it into the original and Beaumaris estates.



If say, 2500 electors of Ocean Reef joined Hillarys on my numbers above, that would give it 33155 electors, or make it **8.94%** over quota. If the number in the part of Ocean Reef above is **3000**, that's **33655** electors or **10.59%** over quota. Again, this is largely an established area, with not much more room to grow. Taking 1000 from those numbers, namely the Hepburn Heights adjustment, gives **32155/32655** electors (**5.66%/7.3%** over quota).

## Conclusion

I hope you find my objection helpful, and can see the importance of the different communities in Perth's seaside suburbs. I finish by saying that since the district of Whitford, renamed Hillarys at the 1996 election, was established for the 1977 election, it has always had a majority of the Whitfords suburbs inside it (Craigie has been in the district of Joondalup at times, and Kallaroo was part of the shortlived seat of Ocean Reef), and the feel of the community feels strong, over 50 years since the first house was built in Kallaroo in 1970.

Furthermore, the electoral boundaries in this area, to the best of my knowledge, have NEVER been aligned with Marmion Avenue as a divider. As mentioned, Hillarys' predecessor was the seat of Whitford, and Carine's predecessors include Marmion (1989-96), Karrinyup (1962-89), and Wembley Beaches (1950-62).

I hope you consider my suggestions in the final boundaries – quite a few others who live in the area have similar ideas to me online.

Best of regards,

Matthew Thompson