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Request to consider including the Suburb of Mandogalup in the Seat of Oakford.

- 1. I am a resident in the suburb of Anketell in the Local Government Area of the City of Kwinana. My wife and I hold an interest in property in Mandogalup.
- 2. The draft 2023 Electoral Boundary distribution has moved all the semi-rural areas of the City of Kwinana; Wandi, Anketell, Casuarina and Wellard east of the Kwinana Freeway to the new seat of Oakford except the suburb of Mandogalup.
- 3. Mandogalup, Wandi, Anketell, Casuarina, and rural Wellard share similar characteristics which is larger acreage land holdings, some with houses or small farms, with small areas of residential urban cells. This is also similar to other areas in the new seat of Oakford such as Banjup, Oakford and Forrestdale.
- 4. The suburb of Mandogalup is bounded by an Alcoa Residue Area on one side, the seat of Cockburn on another and a large bush forever site on the third. There is no natural connection with the rest of the seat of Kwinana.
- 5. The Boundary Review report states that there are 204 electors in the suburb of Mandogalup. These electors will be placed in seat where the vast majority of electors are in residential housing, and large parts is general and light industrial.
- 6. The numbers of electors in both seats is about 30000 and moving the suburb of Mandogalup to the seat of Oakford will have a small effect on the numbers on each electorate. The value of 30000 is in the middle range of the target number for the number of electors in each seat.
- 7. My understanding of the Electoral Boundary Review is to where possible to have areas of similar characteristics to be placed in the same seat. The location of Mandogalup in relation to the Kwinana Freeway should not be a barrier to the inclusion in a seat whose areas have a similar profile to Mandogalup. The electors in the suburb of Mandogalup will have the opportunity to have better representation as their local member will represent an area with a similar profile.
- 8. I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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