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From: Louis Comer >
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To: Electoral Boundaries Review Mailbox <boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au>
Cc: Tonys Bigpond <tonysbigpond@bigpond.com>; John Iacomella
Subject: Objection to proposed realignment of Hillarys and Carine

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Dear Commissioners,

It is all well and good turning Hillarys into a coastline district, running parallel to Kingsley, a lakeside district. However, your justification for lumping a group of voters stretching from Beldon to Gwelup together fails to suggest what it is that binds these communities in between, which I say is limited at best, as these suburbs are indeed also coastal ones. The Commissioners must note that secondary school zones for Carine, Duncraig, Belridge and Ocean Reef do not have their borders running dead along Marmion Avenue, but rather east-west, and it is this similar border I would like to see reinstated.

Within the boundaries of the proposed Hillarys and Padbury districts, a Hepburn Ave boundary is simply untenable due to the Commissioners insistence to run up numbers north of the river. By failing to balance elector numbers north and south of the river, the Commissioners have effectively ripped off the north a quarter of a seat and it is evident no more than in the area of Hillarys and Padbury, where the Commissioners have left Hillarys, Padbury and the neighbouring seat of Joondalup, all over 5% VFADE, giving no reasonable breathing space around these electorates.

So instead, I propose retaining the entirety of Ocean Reef in Joondalup and transferring Edgewater to an already established and community-accepted lakeside seat of Kingsley. Kingsley may in turn cede parts of Hamersley to Balcatta and/or the City of Wanneroo portion of Woodvale to Landsdale. This allows Balcatta to return Gwelup to Scarborough, keeping a fundamental of many distributions, not crossing the Freeway. Scarborough then only needs to cede the northern part of Trigg to Carine, and the border between the two will follow the southern boundary of the Federal seat of Moore. Hillarys consequently is left unchanged from the 2019 distribution. This result is favourable to all communities along the way and minimises separation from school zone neighbours, fellow LGA areas and cohesiveness with the Federal boundaries.

However, shall the Commissioners reject a flow-on change, a Hepburn Ave border is mostly acceptable, with a slight realignment to incorporate the Harbour Rise in Carine. Harbour Rise sits disjointed from the rest of Hillarys as it's development timeline matched that of Sorrento and there is plenty of affinity between the two regions. Though this

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suggestion is to cut through suburbs and run a border on streets, the Commissioners need not be reminded of the cases they have done this with less justification in Ridgewood, Innaloo, Westminster, Ashfield etc.

I am aware this is quite a sore spot for the community and similar objections will follow. I am sure you will gladly accept at least one of the two stronger ideas I have provided.

Kind regards,

Louis Comer

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