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Good afternoon

On behalf of Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer, City of Rockingham please find attached correspondence.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

Warm regards  
Jodie



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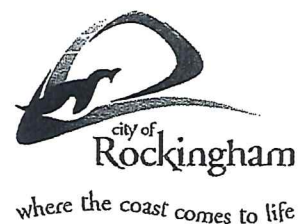
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21 August 2023

WA Electoral Commission  
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Dear Executive Officer

### **Objection to proposed boundaries for the 2025 WA State General election**

On behalf of the City of Rockingham, I write to you to lodge an objection to the above review.

#### **Proposed Baldvis electorate**

The review proposes significant change to the current electorate of Baldvis with the re-distribution across three separate electorates of Kwinana, Darling Range and Baldvis. This segregates a growing and contiguous community of interest with a strong sense of identity.

The proposed new electoral boundary along Safety Bay Road effectively divides the suburb through the heart of the Baldvis town centre. This is likely to give rise to unnecessary segregation and confusion over state representation for residents. For the people of Baldvis, their community of interest is strongly focused on a thriving central commercial precinct, local schools, sporting groups and sporting community facilities that are contained within the suburb.

The addition of the eastern portion of Baldvis into the Darling Range electorate further segregates residents who utilise City of Rockingham facilities including libraries and sporting facilities and shop at the nearby Baldvis Stockland commercial precinct. The community of interest for these residents remains Baldvis rather than Byford or Armadale.

The Rockingham Regional Lakes System provides a distinct and natural boundary between the suburb of Baldvis and the suburbs to the west of the lakes. This separation makes the Baldvis community of interest more apparent than might be the case elsewhere.





The City's preference is that electoral boundaries follow local government boundaries and natural features where possible to avoid confusion and splitting of established communities of interest.

The City acknowledges that elector numbers in Baldivis currently exceed the Average District Enrolment (ADE) by 17.99% and that some adjustment is required. A more acceptable solution would be to cede a portion of Coo loongup into the Rockingham electorate and Wellard into the Kwinana and Oakford electorates. Based on the City's modelling, this would ensure all electorates maintain communities of interest and meet a variation of less than 10% of the ADE.

#### **Proposed Secret Harbour electorate**

The review proposes the abolition of the Warnbro electorate and the creation of the Secret Harbour electorate with the southern boundary of Secret Harbour extending into the suburbs of Madora Bay and Lakelands which form part of the City of Mandurah.

The City of Rockingham objects to this proposal as the City of Mandurah remains the community of interest for residents of Madora Bay and Lakelands rather than the City of Rockingham suburbs of Singleton, Golden Bay, Karnup, Secret Harbour and Port Kennedy.

#### **Summary**

Given the significant changes proposed to electorates within the City of Rockingham, it appears that our city has been largely used to "balance off" the impacts of the proposed new metropolitan seat. This does not result in electorates that meet the community of interest test as many of the proposed changes align districts where a community of interest does not exist. For example, to the north and east of the Baldivis electorate and to the south of the Secret Harbour electorate.

The City maintains that local government boundaries, community of interest and natural features should be key determinants in aligning electorate boundaries. This is not apparent in the proposals put forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review process. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Olynyk, Manager of Governance and Councillor Support on 9528 0322 or by email at [jim.olynyk@rockingham.wa.gov.au](mailto:jim.olynyk@rockingham.wa.gov.au).

Yours Sincerely,



**MICHAEL PARKER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

