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Good afternoon,

I write this strong objection to the boundaries for the seat of Hillarys and Padbury in the 2023 proposed boundary redistribution. The proposal is concerning as I feel it does not serve the interests of my community and will cause a lot of confusion among the electors. Personally, I am confused as to what the driving force behind the commission's proposed changes and how it's better for community interest. I don't understand how it is considered a solution! How is the community of interest stronger between Padbury and Gwelup, than between Padbury and Hillarys. I go to the shops, to the doctor, see friends, and visit the beach all in Hillarys. I never go to Gwelup as have no reason to, it is not in the same community that I am in.

Currently, to visit my local Member of Parliament I travel a less than 5 minutes, across Marmion Street, a central location for the current communities represented. This makes it convenient for all those wanting to utilise the support of their MLA. However, under the proposed boundaries I will need to travels much longer to Carine; other suburbs will even longer; this is not convenient. It's ridiculous! It is clear, the proposed boundaries actually reduce the level of community interest, rather than strengthen it.

For more than 25 years, there have been two 'square' electorates, each bordered by the Indian Ocean on one side, and the Mitchell Freeway on the other. The proposed electoral boundaries represent a monumental shift from the existing boundaries of the Districts of Hillarys and Carine.

Our current MLA has worked tirelessly to unite the suburbs she represents and the community rapport between locations has strengthen within this electorate. It would be incredibly disappointing to see this diluted. The movement to two long and narrow seats is unnecessary, does not reflect the community interest, and should not proceed. For more than 50 years the suburbs of Padbury and Hillarys has been in the same electorate.

If the commission is to go ahead with such a radical change, it is important to ensure that the electorates become this way permanently, and don't change back at the next redistribution.

Additionally, it is concerning that the proposed redistribution moves so many electors into new electorates. This will be incredibly confusing for electors. Given the large shift, if it goes ahead, it is appropriate the electoral commission consider renaming the proposed Electorate of Hillarys to Whitfords to limit some of the potential confusion. I ask the Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries of Hillarys and Padbury to ensure that community interest is at the forefront of the redistribution.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

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