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Hon. Eric Heenan QC  
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Dear Sir

### 2019 WA Distribution Boundaries for the 2021 State General Election

The City of Mandurah is pleased to provide suggestions to the 2019 Review of WA State Electoral Boundaries for the 2021 State Election. The City of Mandurah local government area is currently represented by two State Electorates (Legislative Assembly Districts); Mandurah and Dawesville.

The electorate of Dawesville is wholly contained within southern Mandurah (south of the Peel Inlet), with the exception of the Dudley Park locality, which was transferred from Mandurah to Dawesville at the 2007 Redistribution. The electorate of Mandurah is wholly contained within northern Mandurah, with the exception of Dudley Park (transferred to Dawesville in 2007), and the Shire of Murray localities of Barragup and Furnissdale, which were transferred from Murray-Wellington to Mandurah at the 2007 Redistribution.

Dawesville's enrolment level is currently outside the 10% limit permitted by the Electoral Act, with an elector population of 31,047 (12.6%). Mandurah, with a current elector population of 30,300, is barely within the permitted limit (9.9%). Given that the City of Mandurah is forecast to continue growing steadily from more than 85,000 in 2018 to nearly 120,000 in 2036<sup>1</sup>, it is inevitable that the electorate of Mandurah will be well outside the permitted enrolment limit at the subsequent 2023 Review.

To resolve this situation, it is recommended that the following redistributions occur:

Transfer a section of Dudley Park from the Dawesville electorate to the Mandurah electorate, consisting of the following four Australian Bureau of Statistics' SA1 areas within Dudley Park, broadly located in the area that has Coodanup Drive as its northern boundary, and Ravendale Drive, Newport Drive, Sharpeton Meander, Jubata Gardens, Dotterel Drive and Darwin Terrace as its southern boundary:

- SA1 5102805
- SA1 5102807
- SA1 5102825
- SA1 5102826.

<sup>1</sup> Informed Decisions; *City of Mandurah Population Forecast*; October 2017.

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This transfer would add around 1030 electors to the Mandurah electorate, which would give it a total elector population of 31,330. Next, transfer the Shire of Murray localities of Barragup and Furnissdale from Mandurah to Murray-Wellington. This would remove around 1556 electors from the Mandurah electorate, leaving it with a total elector population of around 29,774 (8.0%).

The transfer of the three Dudley Park SA1 areas from Dawesville to Mandurah would reduce Dawesville's elector population by around 1030, leaving it with an elector population of around 30,017 (8.9%).

The transfer of the Barragup and Furnissdale elector populations from Mandurah to Murray-Wellington would increase Murray-Wellington's elector population to around 30,495 (10.6%), placing it marginally outside the 10% limit.

This in turn could be rectified by transferring the Shire of Harvey locality of Roelands (648 electors) from Murray-Wellington to Collie-Preston. This would leave Murray-Wellington with an elector population of 29,847 (8.3%), and Collie-Preston with an elector population of 29,535 (7.1%).

Whilst the City of Mandurah generally prefers alignment of State electorate boundaries with local government area boundaries, it is noted that the Shire of Harvey locality of Australind is currently contained within the State electorate of Collie-Preston, rather than Murray-Wellington. Given that the locality of Roelands is adjacent to the locality of Australind, it may therefore be prudent to also transfer Roelands to the Collie-Preston electorate.

In summary, the abovementioned suggestions would provide the following elector populations for the 2021 State Election:

- **Mandurah – 29,774 (8.0%)**
- **Dawesville – 30,017 (8.9%)**
- **Murray-Wellington – 29,847 (8.3%)**
- **Collie-Preston – 29,535 (7.1%).**

Notwithstanding, given the City of Mandurah's continued steady population growth, it may be prudent to consider adding a third electorate at the subsequent 2023 Review.

Yours sincerely



Mark R Newman  
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