



To the Electoral Commissioners,

There are many challenges in determining the boundaries for districts across the North Metro Region.

Some of these are:

1. Around 15000 electors need to be transferred to the East Metro region.
2. The current seat of Butler needs to have the number of electors in it reduced by more than 9000 electors to allow for future growth.
3. The transfer of these electors to the neighbouring seat of Burns Beach will see it exceed quota.
4. The seat of Perth is over quota and needs to lose around 4000 electors to allow for continuing growth.
5. The seat of Kingsley needs to gain electors.

These are my suggestions for how you can divide the Districts in the North Metropolitan Region.

The splitting of the suburb of Joondalup between the seats of Joondalup and Burns Beach has created significant confusion for electors. Residents living in the suburb of Joondalup expect the Member for Joondalup to be their local Member. It is very important that the suburb of Joondalup is re-united within the seat of Joondalup.

All of the Strategic Regional Centres across Perth should have a seat named after and based around them. The clear community of interest is for the neighbouring suburbs to be a part of these seats. In the case of Joondalup these suburbs are Edgewater, Beldon, Heathridge, Connolly, Currambine and Joondalup. These suburbs should always form the basis of the seat with additional electors from other suburbs being included to meet ADE.

The addition of Joondalup (aprox 5000) and the part of Currambine (aprox 2700), not currently included would require that Mullaloo (4233) and part of Ocean Reef (aprox 4000) to be transferred to Hillarys. There is also a very small section of Beldon that could be included in Joondalup along with the rest of the suburb. The part of Ocean Reef east of Constellation Drive and north of Hodges Drive would remain in Joondalup.

These transfers would also allow Burns Beach to include Quinns Rocks from Butler. Ridgewood could be added to the seat of Wanneroo.

It is worth noting that in the northern suburbs schools provide a key focus for the community. Including the areas west of Marmion Ave in Hillarys and east in Joondalup would reflect in part the catchment of the local high schools, Ocean Reef and Belridge.

This is likely to result it the seat of Hillarys running along the Coast west of Marmion Avenue. Currently the Mitchell Freeway is the major arterial road but Wanneroo Road and Marmion Avenue are becoming increasingly important. Their future roles have been identified by Infrastructure Australia.

The suburbs west of Marmion strongly identify with a coastal lifestyle compared to the suburbs to the east which increasingly relate to the urban lifestyle of the Joondalup CBD.

A seat stretching from Hillarys to Iluka along the coast would be no longer in length than the current seat of Cottesloe.

To reduce the number of electors in Hillarys voters in Craigie and Padbury could be transferred to Kingsley. I recognise that the Mitchell Freeway has traditionally been seen as a natural barrier, but I believe the creation of seats based on Strategic Regional Centres is a stronger factor in determining community of interest. These Strategic Regional Centres are playing an important role in the economic development of greater Perth. Freeways have not been seen as a strong barrier in other parts of the Perth.

Many of the City of Joondalup Ward boundaries cross over the Freeway.

The seat of Kingsley is un-likely to grow as fast as other parts of Perth, so it is likely it will continually need to grow. If the decision is not taken now to cross the Freeway we are likely see the seat increasingly growing into Joondalup.

It is also difficult to grow Kingsley to the east of Wanneroo Road due to the need to transfer electors from North to East Metro to accommodate an additional seat in East Metro. The logical suburbs to transfer are those which are most easterly, Landsdale and Darch.

It is likely that this transfer will require Girrawheen to include parts of Warwick and Hamersley as has occurred in the past. Wangara will need to be included in Girrawheen. Some of the southern parts of Wanneroo (Pearsall and part of Hocking) would also need to be included, offset by Wanneroo gaining Ridgewood.

Balcatta will need to move south into the part of Mt Hawthorn that is north of Scarborough Beach Road, to accommodate the need to reduce the number of electors in Perth. To accommodate the growth in Perth you could also need to transfer the part of West Perth, west of the Freeway into Nedlands. This has previously been the case and there are strong connections with Subiaco in this area.

In Summary:

1. Include all of the suburb of Joondalup in the seat of Joondalup.
2. Make Hillarys a coastal seat like Cottesloe stretching from Hillarys to Iluka.
3. Expand Kingsley across Freeway to include Craigie to ensure enough electors now and in to the future.
4. Transfer the most eastern suburbs (Landsdale and Darch) into East Metro to provide for a new seat.
5. Transfer Hamersley and Warwick back to Girrawheen
6. Include the part of Mt Hawthorn that is north of Scarborough Beach Road in Balcatta.
7. Transfer West Perth, west of the Freeway to Nedlands, as has previously been the case.

I hope that these suggestions assist you in your deliberations.

Regards

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