

# SETTING THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

## COUNTRY REGIONS

The legislation specifies that the Mining and Pastoral Region must encompass an area that is remote from Perth and where the land use is primarily for mining and pastoral purposes. The Agricultural Region is required to comprise an area in which the land use is primarily for agricultural purposes, while the South West Region is now required to include coastal and forest areas in the south-west of the State. The legislation requires the Commissioners to determine where the region boundaries should be established and the number of districts within each region.

In determining the proposed regional boundaries the Commissioners have taken into account the various factors specified in section 16I of the *Electoral Act*. The application of these legislative criteria to the number of electors enrolled at the relevant date has led to the proposal that the country regions contain the number of districts shown in the summary below.

Having regard to the land use descriptors which must be applied to the determination of country region boundaries, the numbers of electors in the areas meeting the legislative descriptions of the Agricultural and South West Regions effectively determined the numbers of districts in each of those regions. The Commissioners also found that the respective region boundaries required some degree of adjustment to better balance communities of interest.

### Country Area Summary

Country Regions	Legislative Council Members	Legislative Assembly Districts	No. of Electors 2007 (including LDA)
Agricultural	6	4	82,479
Mining and Pastoral	6	5	107,985
South West	6	8	167,871
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>358,335</b>



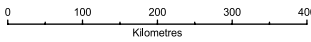
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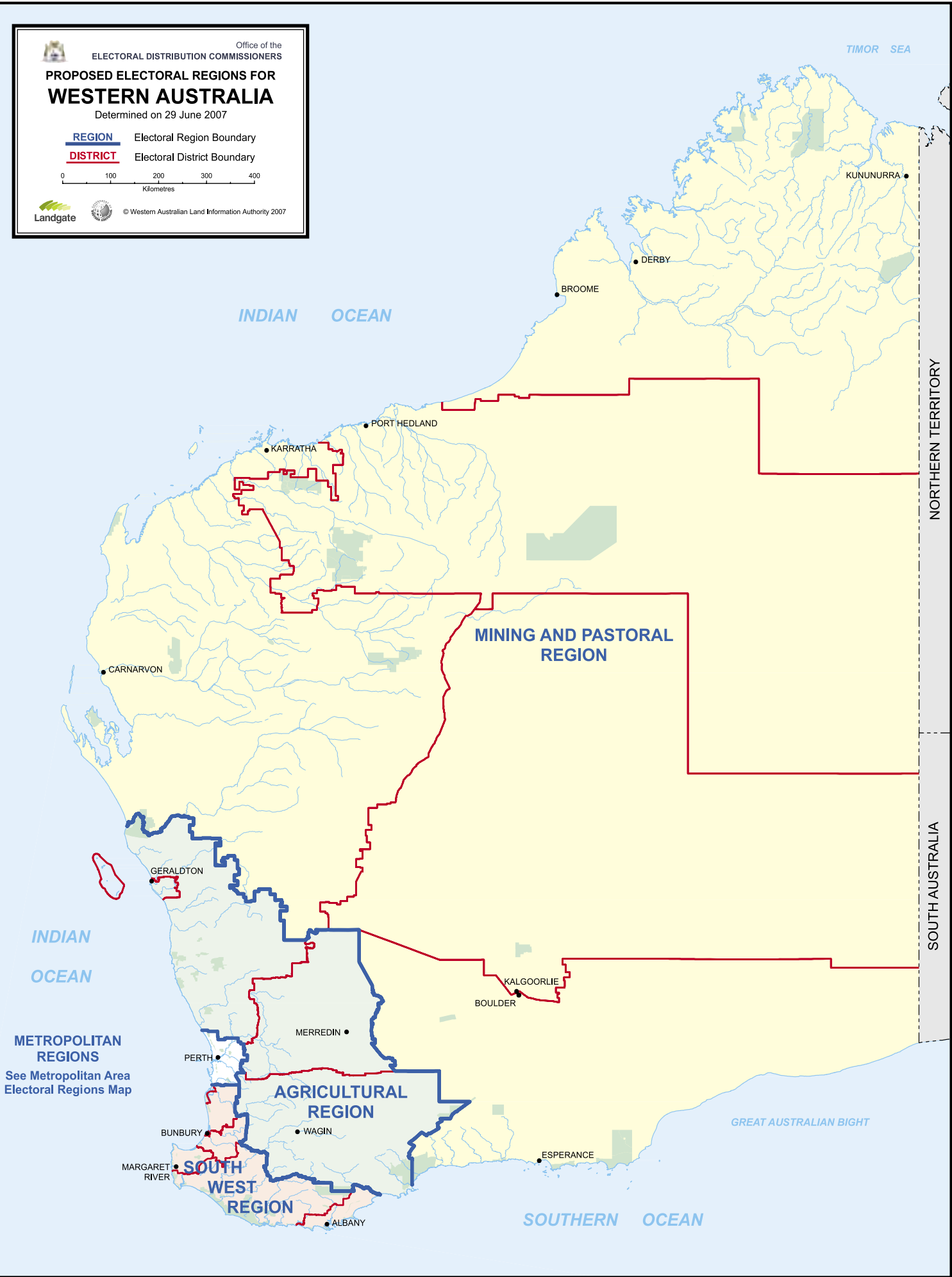
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**REGION** Electoral Region Boundary

**DISTRICT** Electoral District Boundary



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TIMOR SEA

KUNUNURRA

DERBY

BROOME

INDIAN OCEAN

PORT HEDLAND

KARRATHA

CARNARVON

MINING AND PASTORAL REGION

GERALDTON

INDIAN OCEAN

OCEAN

METROPOLITAN REGIONS

See Metropolitan Area Electoral Regions Map

PERTH

MERREDIN

AGRICULTURAL REGION

BUNBURY

WAGIN

BOULDER

KALGOORLIE

GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

MARGARET RIVER

SOUTH WEST REGION

ESPERANCE

ALBANY

SOUTHERN OCEAN

NORTHERN TERRITORY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA