Mining and Pastoral Region

Eyre is abolished with the Mining and Pastoral Region now comprising four districts:

Eyre Abolished

Kalgoorlie

Gains: Shires of Coolgardie and Dundas, and the remainder of the

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Cedes: Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku

Kimberley No change

North West Central

Gains: Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku

Pilbara No change

Mining and Pastoral Region cedes the Shires of Esperance, Ravensthorpe, Westonia and Yilgarn to the Agricultural Region.

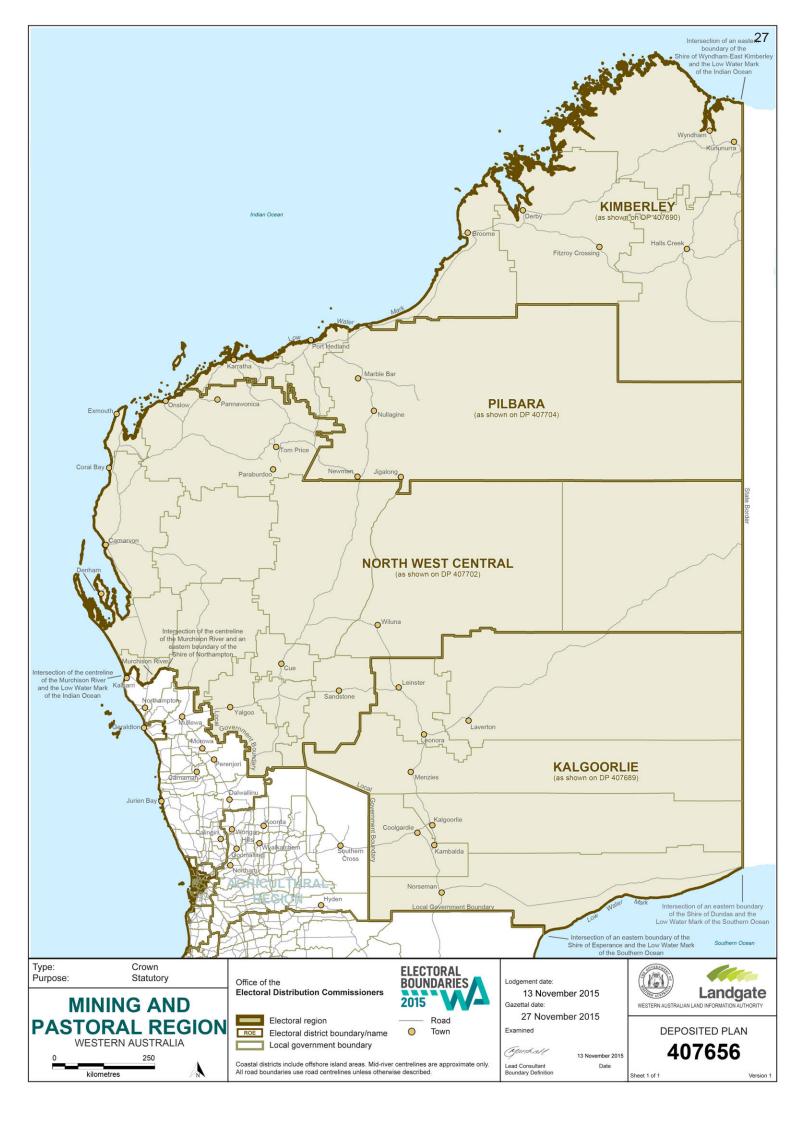
This reapportionment means that all districts are within the permitted tolerance range as indicated in Table 7.

Table 7: Mining and Pastoral Region and Districts – Number of electors per district after final boundary changes

District ¹	Electors (after final boundary changes)	Large District Allowance (LDA)	Electors (including LDA after final boundary changes)	Variation from ADE ²	Area (sq km)
Kalgoorlie	18,674	8,332	27,006	+ 8.36%	555,464
Kimberley	16,867	6,315	23,182	- 6.99%	421,011
North West Central	10,510	12,256	22,766	- 8.65%	817,083
Pilbara	17,842	6,098	23,940	- 3.94%	406,525
Total	63,893	33,001	96,894		2,200,083

Note that districts retaining the same name may not necessarily retain the same boundaries.

² Average District Enrolment at 9 March 2015.



Commentary

Pilbara

An objector advocated the transfer of the Shire of Karratha from the Pilbara district to the North West Central district and the removal of the Shires of Meekatharra and Wiluna, and the eastern part of the Shire of Ashburton, from North West Central and their inclusion in Pilbara. One of the advantages of the proposal to retain the current boundaries of Pilbara was that it meant there were no local government areas that were split between districts. The Commissioners believe this is a desirable outcome where practicable and have not been persuaded that they should depart from the 2015 Proposals Report in this respect.

North West Central

An objector suggested moving the boundary between the North West Central district and the Moore district south to include the remainder of the Shire of Northampton. The Commissioners did not believe this was desirable because of the flow-on effects to districts in the Agricultural Region, including the need to split local governments in other parts of the Region to offset elector numbers as a result of reuniting the Shire of Northampton.

Kalgoorlie

Some shires and individuals took exception to the splitting of the Shire of Laverton between the district of Kalgoorlie and the district of North West Central and the inclusion of the Shires of Leonora and Ngaanyatjarraku in North West Central, citing strong communities of interest and historical ties with the regional centre of Kalgoorlie. The Commissioners were persuaded of the merit of those arguments and have tried to accommodate them.

However, to include the whole of those three Shires in Kalgoorlie would take it outside the permitted tolerance range. Although there would be some offset from another decision concerning the Shire of Esperance, discussed below, the Commissioners were not able to identify other areas that could be transferred to another adjoining district to resolve that problem.

The Commissioners have decided that the best balance of the competing factors, given the need to keep the numbers within the permitted tolerance range, was to keep the whole of the Shire of Laverton together and to include that Shire and the Shire of Leonora in Kalgoorlie. Purely because of numbers, the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku will have to be located in North West Central.

As previously explained, the Commissioners have decided that the portion of the Shire of Esperance included in Kalgoorlie in the 2015 Proposals Report will be transferred to Roe (Wagin).

The result of these changes is that the VFADEs for Kalgoorlie and North West Central will be + 8.36 per cent and - 8.65 per cent respectively. The VFADE for Kalgoorlie is high but given trends of demographic change, the desirability of reuniting the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and of recognising communities of interest where feasible, the Commissioners consider that these VFADEs are at an acceptable level.

It should be noted that with these new boundaries no new local government authorities in the Mining and Pastoral Region will be split between districts and two of the four districts will retain the same boundaries they had following the 2011 division.

