South West Region

There will be eight districts comprising the South West Region, the same number following the 2011 division:

Albany

Gains: Shire of Jerramungup

Bunbury

Gains: Dalyellup locality

Cedes: Part of Australind locality

Collie-Preston

Gains: Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and part of Australind locality

Cedes: Dalyellup locality

Dawesville No change

Mandurah No change

Murray-Wellington No change

Vasse

Gains: Reminder of Gracetown locality

Cedes: Remainder of the Burnside, Forest Grove, Margaret River and Witchcliffe localities

Warren-Blackwood

Gains: Shire of Plantagenet and the remainder of the Stirling Range National Park locality and the remainder of Burnside, Forest Grove, Margaret River and Witchcliffe localities

Cedes: Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and remainder of Gracetown locality

South West Region gains the Shires of Jerramungup and Plantagenet, and the remainder of Stirling Range National Park locality from the Agricultural Region.

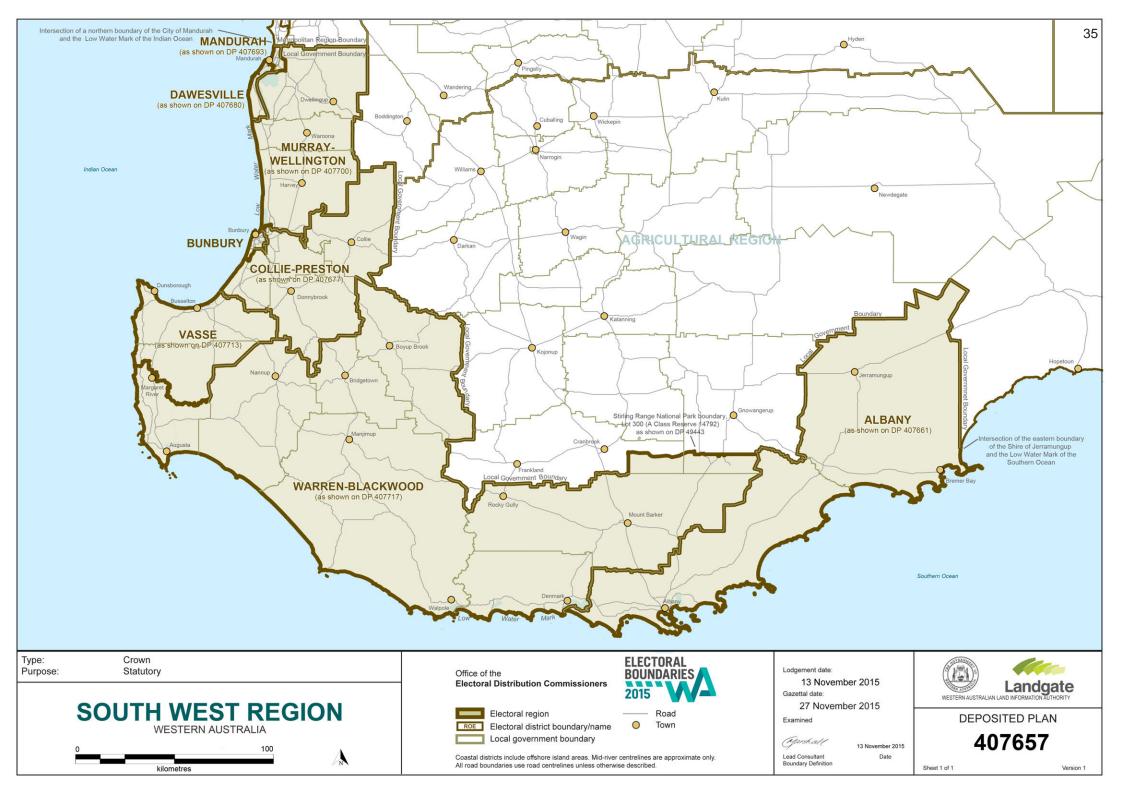
This reapportionment means that all districts are within the permitted tolerance range as indicated in Table 8.

Table 8:South West Region and Districts – Number of electors per district after
final boundary changes

District ¹	Electors (after final boundary changes)	Variation from ADE ²	Area (sq km)
Albany	25,011	+ 0.35%	10,820
Bunbury	25,537	+ 2.46%	82
Collie-Preston	26,799	+ 7.53%	4344
Dawesville	26,511	+ 6.37%	128
Mandurah	25,296	+ 1.50%	71
Murray-Wellington	25,295	+ 1.49%	4,232
Vasse	24,829	- 0.38%	2,542
Warren-Blackwood	25,992	+ 4.29%	22,651
Total	205,270		44,870

¹ Note that districts retaining the same name may not necessarily retain the same boundaries.

² Average District Enrolment at 9 March 2015.



Commentary

Collie-Preston – affecting Vasse

Many objectors raised questions about the proposal to unite the whole Shire of Augusta-Margaret River but at the cost of splitting the City of Busselton and the inclusion of the northern part of the City in the district of Collie-Preston. The Commissioners accepted the strong community of interest arguments against the proposal to split the City of Busselton. They decided it should be reunited and that the whole of the City should be in the district of Vasse.

They were then confronted with a problem of relatively low numbers in Collie-Preston. The local member suggested that the localities of Roelands and Brunswick should be transferred from the district of Murray-Wellington to the district of Collie-Preston. However, the Commissioners note that:

- Roelands and Brunswick are in the Shire of Harvey, most of which is in the district of Murray-Wellington
- No objections were raised to the inclusion of the Shire of Capel in Collie-Preston (as it has been since the 2007 division)
- The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup has, from time to time, expressed a preference to be aligned with Capel and has at various times in the past (including following the 2007 division and before the 2011 division) been in a district with the Shire of Collie.

The Commissioners have decided that the best balance of competing factors was achieved by transferring the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup from the Warren-Blackwood district to Collie-Preston. As discussed earlier, that change relieves the necessity to change the name of the district to Collie-Capel (as previously proposed).

Collie-Preston will have a VFADE of + 7.53 per cent which, given the trends of demographic change, the Commissioners consider reasonable.

Vasse and Warren-Blackwood

As already indicated, the whole of the City of Busselton will be in the district of Vasse (as it is under the 2011 division). This change has a flow-on effect to the Warren-Blackwood district and it is necessary to balance numbers between the adjoining districts. It was not possible to include the whole of the localities of Burnside, Boranup, Forest Grove, Gnarabup, Margaret River, Prevelly, and Witchcliffe in Vasse, as proposed.

The Commissioners decided to depart from the proposals and to retain the boundaries between Vasse and Warren-Blackwood as they are at present (that is, following the 2011 division) subject to some relatively minor modifications, namely:

Shifting part of the Vasse boundary so that it aligns with the southern boundary of the locality of Gracetown, thus avoiding a split of that locality and the inclusion of the whole of Gracetown in Vasse. This is a 'tidying up' exercise and the change does not affect any electors. Shifting part of the Warren-Blackwood boundary to unite the township of Margaret River and the localities of Burnside, Forest Grove and Witchcliffe, all of which were previously split. This change means the entirety of the township and the localities will be in Warren-Blackwood. The change affects 175 electors.

Warren-Blackwood is also affected by the decision to transfer the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup to Collie-Preston (see above). As explained in the 2015 Proposals Report, Warren-Blackwood gains the Shire of Plantagenet and the remainder of the Stirling Range National Park.

As a result of these changes Vasse and Warren-Blackwood will have VFADEs of - 0.38 per cent and + 4.29 per cent respectively. Given the trends of demographic change the Commissioners consider these numbers to be reasonable.

