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Dear Commissioners

As the Member for the electoral division of Warren-Blackwood, I welcome the opportunity to comment in relation to the "2015 proposed boundaries and reasons." As my views on the wider distribution process, and potential loss of a regional seat, are reflected in the submission by the WA Nationals, my comments here are limited to the naming of districts, specifically the new proposed electorate name of "Molloy."

There is no doubt that Georgiana Molloy's pioneering work in the collation and identification of the unique botany of the South West was outstanding and deserving of recognition. However, the Molloy name is closely associated with the South West coast, including Molloy Island at Augusta and Georgiana Molloy Anglican School at Busselton. On that basis it is not perceived to be a name that represents or denotes the broader proposed electorate that extends a considerable distance to the east.

In the interests of continuity there is much to commend the retention of the current Warren-Blackwood name, rather than a re-named electorate of Molloy. Alternatively, in recognition of the re-inclusion of the Shire of Plantagenet, perhaps consideration could be given to reverting to the electorate's previous name of Blackwood-Stirling. It's my view that either the current or previous electorate names would be more representative of the electorate as a whole than would the name Molloy.

Yours sincerely

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