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Dear Sir

Proposed Electoral Boundaries

My comments are in relation to the proposed boundary between the proposed **Kalamunda** and **Forrestfield** electorates in the Gooseberry Hill area.

It is proposed the division between these two electorates would follow the same boundary as currently applies between the Darling Range and Midland electorates and which has applied since the last election. The splitting of Gooseberry Hill in this way, largely along minor roads, is far from ideal and has lead to dissatisfaction and confusion amongst residents of the area who naturally assume that they are in the same electorate as the majority of Gooseberry Hill and Kalamunda. As a consequence, I frequently receive enquiries or requests for assistance from residents of Gooseberry Hill who are nominally in the existing Midland electorate.

I therefore request that the whole of Gooseberry Hill is included within the Kalamunda electorate. This would be achieved by extending the boundary north of Gooseberry Hill Road along Watsonia Road, a short distance eastwards along Ridge Hill Road, then north along Sadler Drive to the local government boundary, then southeast along the local government boundary to Ridge Hill Road, then northwards along Ridge Hill Road to the boundary between the Shire of Kalamunda and the Shire of Mundaring, then along this boundary eastwards and then northwards to Helena Valley Road.

An alternative (although less satisfactory) change would be to make Ridge Hill Road the boundary to a greater extent and leave the area north of Ridge Hill Road in the Forrestfield electorate. This would at least provide a much more logical boundary than is currently proposed.

I recognize that this change would have the effect of slightly increasing the electoral enrolment in the new Kalamunda electorate and slightly decreasing the enrolment in the new Forrestfield electorate. However, I believe it is relevant to note that the majority of growth over the next four years will be contained within the Forrestfield electorate as a result of the subdivisions occurring within that area.

I submit these comments for the consideration of the Commissioners.

Yours sincerely

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