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Dear Commissioners,

2007 Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

I make the following objections to the proposed boundaries. Beforehand I would like to pass on my appreciation of what is an excellent piece of work by the commissioners and staff.

1. Churchlands and Cottesloe

The boundary between these two electorates uses the local government boundary between Nedlands and Cambridge. The boundary moves behind Fortview

Street in Mount Claremont and continues east until it moves north just before Adderley Street.

This boundary means that in Rochdale Road and Whitney Crescent, there will be houses next to each on the same side of the street that are in different electorates. This is going to be confusing and does not provide a natural and understandable boundary.

I suggest that the boundary be altered to either of the following:

- (i) it follow north at Rochdale Street and turn east into Whitney Crescent until Haldane Street. It resumes east until Adderley Street where it moves north until Montgomery Street. It continues along Montgomery Street until it meets the local government boundary; or
- (ii) it follow south at Rochdale Street and turn east into Haldane Street. It then continues as per (i).

2. Riverton and Cannington

My objection to the boundary between these two electorates is based on the same reasoning as my first objection. Here the boundary follows the local government boundary and South Street. However at South Street, the local government boundary crosses or splits (moving south-westerly) Merrifield Circle, Jarvis Place, Haywood Trail and Merrifield Circle again.

I suggest that Beasley Road be used as the boundary until the spot where the local government boundary moves off south-easterly. Alternatively the boundary should be South Street, Roe Highway and then the local government boundary.

This situation is actually worse because it is impossible to drive from these cut off parts of these streets to any other part of the electorate without going through another electorate. This does not meet the means of transport requirement.

3. Blackwood-Stirling

The name of this electorate is based on two natural features that are split by the boundaries. The Blackwood River is the major natural feature of the western boundary, but it also flows through the electorate. It also flows through Collie-Preston. The Stirling Ranges are split by the boundary between this electorate and Wagin.

I feel that it is inappropriate to use a name for an electorate that reflects natural features that are not predominantly or wholly within the electorate. A boundary is not appropriate.

To this end, I suggest the name Shannon or one based on another river in the area. The Shannon though is also a major national park in the area. Alternatively, like Collie-Preston a name that reflects the major towns is appropriate, such as Augusta-Denmark.

4. Merredin

The name for this electorate is inappropriate. It is not the central or major town in the area. A more generic regional name such as Avon or Central Wheatbelt should be chosen.

Yours sincerely,

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