

## **SUBMISSIONS OF THE GREENS (WA) IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**The Greens WA (Inc.) have identified a small number of boundary proposals which it believes conflict with the principles espoused by the *Electoral Act*. Outlined below are the Party's comments on clusters of seats and also the proposed alternate boundaries to ensure the seats remain within the required numbers of electors.**

### **BALCATT, GIRRAWHEEN, KINGSLEY AND WANNEROO**

The Greens (WA) submits that the proposed boundary between the proposed seats of Girrawheen and Balcatta of Beach Road, Belvedere Road, Eglinton Crescent, Erindale Road and Reid Highway does not pay sufficient heed to the principles outlined in section 16I of the *Electoral Act*. In particular, we say it offends the principles of "community of interest" and "existing boundaries of regions and districts".

The proposed boundary produces an odd shaped seat of Girrawheen, which drags in the area west of Erindale Road and divides the suburb of Hamersley in two between the seat of Balcatta and the seat of Girrawheen. We submit that the division of the suburb of Hamersley along that proposed boundary ignores the previously mentioned principles of "community of interest" and "existing boundaries of regions and districts".

We submit that one way for this difficulty to be overcome is for the proposed seat of Kingsley to retain its southernmost suburb of Warwick, which the commissioners propose to transfer to Girrawheen. This would allow Wanneroo to absorb part of its northernmost suburb of Woodvale. To compensate for Girrawheen's loss and Wanneroo's gain, Girrawheen's northern boundary could be extended to Gnangara Road, bringing in Darch, Madeley and a small non-residential part of Landsdale.

Girrawheen would then be over the enrolment limit, but this could be addressed through a transfer to Balcatta. The area bounded by Eglinton Crescent, Belvedere Road, Beach Road and Erindale could then be transferred to the seat of Balcatta which, while still dividing the suburb of Hamersley in two, does so along the more natural boundary of Erindale Road.

### **MIDLAND, FORRESTFIELD AND KALAMUNDA**

The Greens (WA) submits that the proposed addition of the localities of Darlington and Glen Forrest into the proposed seat of Kalamunda does not pay sufficient heed to the principles outlined in section 16I of the *Electoral Act*. In particular, we say it offends the principles of "community of interest" and "physical features".

Immediately to the east of the redrawn Midland is a peculiar northern salient that brings Darlington and Glen Forrest into Kalamunda. These areas are connected to Midland by the Great Eastern Highway, and separated from Kalamunda by the Helena

Valley. As such, a compelling argument can be made that the area would be better served in Midland.

The absorption of this area would bring in some 2500 voters, for which compensating transfers would be required. This could be done by ceding all or part of Hazelmere and Helena Valley to Forrestfield, which could in turn lose Gooseberry Hill (districts 5070308 and 5070309) to Kalamunda. Further transfers elsewhere might be necessary to bring Kalamunda up to acceptable enrolment.

### **BLACKWOOD-STIRLING, VASSE AND COLLIE-PRESTON**

The Greens (WA) submits that the proposed boundary between the proposed seats of Vasse and Blackwood-Stirling does not pay sufficient heed to the principles outlined in section 16I of the *Electoral Act*. In particular, we say it offends the principles of “community of interest”, “existing boundaries of regions and districts” and “existing local government boundaries”.

In particular, we believe the town of Augusta has a community of interest with Margaret River and will be better served if it remains within its local government boundaries of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and is contained within the seat of Vasse.

Vasse could meet the resulting need for a reduction in numbers by resuming its existing eastern boundary, so that Ludlow and Wonnerup are included in Collie Preston. The numbers of Collie Preston could then be reduced by ceding the Balingup area to Blackwood-Stirling.

### **MOORE, MERREDIN AND WAGIN**

The Greens (WA) submit that the existing disparity in numbers between Moore, Merredin and Wagin is unnecessary and ought be remedied by the transfer of the Shires of Dalwallinu and Perenjori to the seat of Merredin. There could then be a resulting transfer of one or more of the southernmost Shires in the proposed seat of Merredin to the seat of proposed seat of Wagin to reduce its deviation from the average district enrolment.

The Greens (WA) also supports the proposal of the Nationals that the seat of Merredin be renamed to “Wheatbelt”.