

Secretary
Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners

Dear Sir / madam

The following is a private submission, but I believe that it very fairly represents the thinking of my LGA.

1. In your June 2001 electoral boundaries publication, your illustration of the boundaries of these seats could be made much simpler in my view if you made the following changes to the map on page 11:
 - The northern point of the Armadale Electorate boundary exactly follows the LGA boundary, replacing the need to describe it as Lake Rd (incorrect in any case as it doesn't exist on the eastern side of the railway line), Albany Highway, and Tonkin Hwy.
 - The Tonkin Hwy is then LGA boundary as far south as Ranford Road, and from there to the southern tip of the Armadale electorate, the boundary could remain described as the Tonkin Hwy, as the section bounded by Ranford Rd, Lake Rd, and Armadale Rd that you remove from Armadale is in fact a vacant, new industrial estate only, with residential prohibited. The small piece described as Local Govt Boundary at the southern end of the western boundary of the Armadale seat is no longer correct as the boundary has recently been changed to be the centre of the Tonkin Hwy. Again no one lives in this area at present nor likely to for 5 or more years and therefore it would be much easier to describe the boundary as either the local government boundary or the Tonkin Hwy.
 - In terms of the south western boundaries of the Darling Range seat, both Ranford Rd and Warton Rd are the local government boundaries between Armadale and Gosnells and Armadale and Cockburn LGAs and thus it might again be simpler to show the boundary as the local government boundary.

Total population impacted = 0.

2. Given the very rapid growth of the population in the Piarra Waters / Harrisdale section of the Darling Range electorate (as much as 800 - 1,000 voters p.a.), I would have thought it was a much longer term proposition to transfer the north eastern section of the Darling Range electorate into the seat of Kalamunda (their natural centre and LGA in any case), and to then use the local government boundary between Armadale and Kalamunda as the northern boundary to the seat. This would ensure that future boundaries of the electorate would focus on two LGAs only, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Armadale (part), allowing a much higher degree of community of interest and capacity of the elected member to serve his/her constituency. I concede that the seat's name may need to then revert to Serpentine-Jarrahdale as it was previously. The City of Armadale would be strongly opposed to any future boundary change that had electors living in the Piarra Waters / Harrisdale area transferred out of the East Metropolitan Region to the South Metropolitan region because the Darling Range electorate went over the allowed figure.

Total population impacted = unknown in the short term, but longer term boundary stability in high growth areas that need effective political representation.

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