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Attached please find an Objection to the proposed boundaries by the South West Group.

Rottnest Island has been included for many years with the City of Cockburn. There is a common community of interest between Cockburn and Rottnest which will be strengthened with the completion of the Port Coogee project.

regards

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Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville & Rockingham

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## **OBJECTION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

The South West Group broadly supports the proposed electoral boundaries and the names of electoral districts in the South Metropolitan Region.

### **Objection**

To the inclusion of Rottnest Island in the Legislative Assembly District of Fremantle.

### **Reason for the Objection**

Rottnest Island is included in the City of Cockburn for statistics gathered and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Tourism Research Australia. The proposed new electoral boundaries provide an opportunity to align the Legislative Assembly District of Cockburn more closely with the Federal Government statistical boundaries.

Cockburn has common management issues with Rottnest including having RAMSAR listed wetlands, protected beaches, natural scrub, a strong maritime industry and valuable recreational fishery. The proposal to sequester Carbon Dioxide off Rottnest and the completion of Port Coogee will also link Kwinana-Cockburn and Rottnest. The City of Cockburn is currently working with the Rottnest Island Authority on a Geographic Information Systems project.

### **Alternative outcome proposed**

Rottnest Island should be included in the Legislative Assembly District of Cockburn. As there are a low number of electors resident on Rottnest Island no compensating boundary adjustment should be necessary with the Legislative District of Fremantle.

Yours sincerely

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## **SOUTH WEST GROUP**

The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). It comprises the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Melville, and Rockingham, and the Towns of East Fremantle and Kwinana.

The South West Group seeks to work with these six local governments and through cooperation with industry, community and the other spheres of government to capture a wide range of opportunities to enhance economic growth as well as supporting a diversity of quality lifestyles whilst servicing and sustaining cohesive, productive communities in an enviable environmental setting.

The South West Group will be persuasive, forward looking and influential in representing, supporting and promoting Local Government interests that affect the growth and sustainable development of South Metropolitan Perth.

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## SOUTH METROPOLITAN REGION

## KEY INFORMATION

Area	619.4 square kilometres (approximately 50 km long by an average 12km width)
Location	South Western Quarter of Metropolitan Perth bounded by the Canning River, Swan River, Fremantle Harbour, Cockburn Sound, Warnbro Sound and generally 2 km east of the Kwinana Freeway alignment.
Economic Infrastructure	Fremantle Port, Australian Marine Complex, Kwinana Industrial Area, HMAS Stirling, Jandakot Airport
Current Population 2006	323, 673 (ABS 2007)
Projected Population 2021	421,500 (WAPC 2005)
Working Age Population	218,000 (ABS Aged 15-64 Oct 2006)
Employment Rate	75.8% (ABS Oct 2006)
Unemployment Rate	2.4% (ABS Oct 2006)
Indigenous Population	1.5% (Census 2001)
Overseas Born Population	30.2% (Census 2001)
Mean Taxable Income	\$5,951.4million (ATO 2003/04)
Building Approvals	\$1,148million (ABS 2005/06)



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## TOURISM INFORMATION REQUESTED:

**South West Metropolitan area: Melville, Cockburn, Rockingham, East Fremantle, Fremantle and Kwinana.**

**Note 1: Rottnest Island is also included as it is incorporated in the City of Cockburn data.**

**Note 2: Figures are based on a two year rolling average, meaning that we have added the 2004 and 2005 figures, divided by 2, to provide an averaged figure. This has been done to increase the sample size and hence the reliability of the data.**

## Visitors to the South West Metropolitan area

	YE December 2002/03	%	YE December 2003/04	%	YE December 2004/05	%
<b>Total Visitors<sup>1</sup></b>						
Domestic	299,000		307,500		291,500	
Interstate	65,000	19%	81,000	22%	68,500	19%
Intrastate	234,000	69%	226,500	63%	223,000	62%
International	42,200	12%	53,700	15%	67,800	19%
Total Visitors	341,200		361,200		359,300	
<b>Total Visitor Nights<sup>1</sup></b>						
Domestic	1,038,000		1,132,000		1,030,500	
Interstate	428,000	29%	462,000	24%	385,000	17%
Intrastate	610,000	41%	670,000	35%	645,500	29%
International	451,400	30%	807,500	42%	1,191,700	54%
Total Visitor Nights	1,489,400		1,939,500		2,222,200	

Source: Tourism Research Australia, International/National Visitor Survey

- Overnight Domestic Visitors Definition: Australian residents aged 15yrs and over who spent at least one night away from home in Western Australia
- Overnight International Visitors Definition: International visitors aged 15 yrs and over who spent at least one night in the region
- Totals may not add up due to rounding
- YE = Year Ending