



WOODLANDS ACTION GROUP

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Western Australia's Proposed Electoral Boundaries

Dear Sir

I write on behalf of the *Woodlands Action Group*, which represents concerned citizens who reside in the Woodlands area.

We wish to lodge our objection to the proposed changes for the electoral boundaries in the Churchlands / Scarborough area.

We believe that the State boundary should follow the Local Government boundary of Cromarity Road and Empire Avenue in Wembley, in that these roads become the boundary between the electoral seats of Churchlands and Scarborough, in the northern suburbs boundary distribution.

We believe it is paramount to good community and governance not to split the suburb of Woodlands as proposed as it would be detrimental for the neighborhood.

We believe that both the suburbs of Churchlands and Woodlands and parts of Wembley Downs would be best represented in the Scarborough region.

If we consider Section 16G and section 161 of the Electoral Act which provides the basis for the division of the State into districts

1 The average district enrolment:

The Churchlands region is proposed to have 22,754 electors, whereas the Scarborough region is proposed to have 462 less electors (22,292)

By transferring the electors in the remaining Woodlands and Churchlands suburb that has been proposed to go the Churchlands region into the Scarborough region it will comply with this criteria and electors would be more evenly distributed.

2 Community of Interest:

We believe that it is in the interest of the community that the whole of the suburb of Woodlands remains under one state government region

3 Physical features:

The suburb of Woodlands needs to remain as a whole suburb as the main feature is Jackadder Lake and by splitting the suburb you will half the people on one side of the lake in one region and the other half in another region which will not be good if an environmental issue arises and the politicians who represent the two different region don't agree to the environmental concerns of the residents and will compromise the ecology of the lake.

4 Existing Local Government Boundaries:

The suburbs of Woodlands, Churchlands and Wembley Downs should be staying in the Local Government Boundary of the City of Stirling, as it is better management practices. It would be easier from a State government perspective to manage areas if they are in one local government boundary

We do not believe these proposed changes will be in the best interests of the community and we are even more concerned that this proposed electoral boundaries would not address the concerns of the local residents

Yours sincerely



Leo Ottiger

On behalf of the Woodlands Action Group

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