

Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners

2015 Electoral Boundary Review

I write further to the submission of the City of Mandurah of the 6th July 2011 in response to the proposed 2011 Electoral distribution Boundaries, made during my period as Mayor of the City of Mandurah.

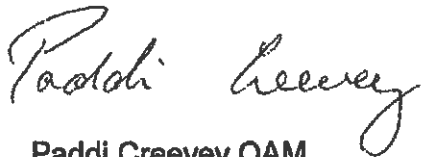
The City, in my opinion remains committed to oppose any division that would see part of the city included in the metropolitan area and a part in the South West. It also remains opposed to the inclusion of the whole of the City in the Metropolitan area, with the devaluation of its role as a regional centre as a part of the Peel Development Commission area.

The was succinctly stated in our 2011 submission, namely;

- Any attempt to integrate the Peel Region and Perth Metropolitan Region boundaries would result in a loss of Mandurah's regional identity and autonomy, as well as a loss of community of interest. Further, it could also potentially render the City of Mandurah ineligible for State and Federal Government grants to regional communities,
- The transfer of the Mandurah Electoral District from the South West Region to the South Metropolitan Region could preclude Mandurah's eligibility for State Government *Royalties for Regions* funding, as well as the Federal Government's *Regional Development Australia fund (RDAF)*, the *Regional Infrastructure Fund*, the *Promoting Regional Living Program* and the *Building Better Regional Cities Program*. These funding programs provide millions of dollars annually to regional areas for essential community infrastructure, planning and services. This includes funding that assists the City of Mandurah to achieve its strategic objectives,

- As part of the Peel Region under the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*, the City of Mandurah is located within the State's Peel Development Commission (PDC) boundary, as well as the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia (RDA) Peel boundary. It is imperative that the entirety of the Mandurah LGA remains within the existing PDC and RDA Peel boundaries, as well as the new Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) statistical area levels that will be utilised during the 2011 Census, as this removes any doubt about Mandurah's regional status.
- I believe the Commissioners need to give due regard to the requirement of section 16H of the Electoral Act that those regions that are included in the Metropolitan area shall "together form an area that is generally coextensive with the metropolitan area of Perth" (This being defined in 16 (2) as to the region that was, as at the relevant day, described in the Third Schedule of the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959.)

Yours sincerely



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