

Response to the Call for Written Suggestions about Proposed Electoral Boundaries

To: The Electoral Redistribution Commissioners

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The suggestions contained in this submission relate to the possible impact of the redistribution of electoral boundaries on the current district of Churchlands.

This submission is based on the assumption that the natural boundaries of the Indian Ocean and the Swan River provide a starting point for the consideration of the redistribution of electoral boundaries for districts within the North Metropolitan Region. Necessary changes to the districts of Cottesloe and Nedlands will impact on the district of Churchlands. Therefore this submission begins with suggestions regarding the districts of Cottesloe and Nedlands followed by suggestions for changes to the district of Churchlands.

1. District of Cottesloe

Enrolment at 11.2.2002	25 259
Projected enrolment at 11/2/2007	26 049
Percentage change 2002-2007	3.13 per cent

Data provided on page 63 of the Information Kit indicates a projected increase of 790 voters between 2002 and 2007, which would place Cottesloe 3043 below the projected quotient of 29 092 required by 11/2/2007.

However, it appears that the projected increase of voters of 790 is a significant underestimate of the known developments approved or planned within the current boundaries of the district of Cottesloe during the next four years. The following is a list of some of those developments and approximate numbers of blocks or units proposed:

North Fremantle:	Northbank:	20
Mosman Park:	Mosman Waters:	30 blocks
	Buckland Hill:	120
	Minim Cove:	160
	State Engineering site:	10
Claremont:	Claremont Junction:	150
	Hawaiian development (car park and old Target shopping centre)	118
	Claremont Estate: (near Loch Street Station)	40
Swanbourne:	Retirement Village:	118
	Old Swanbourne P S:	20
	Swanbourne SHS:	140
Mt Claremont:	Fortview Street:	20
	St John's Wood:	55
	TOTAL:	956 dwellings

In addition to the above list it is likely that there will be a continuation of small infill projects throughout the district of Cottesloe similar to those in recent years.

There are two other major developments currently being planned. One is at Leighton which will have between 400 and 500 dwellings. The second is on the Perry Lakes Stadium site, with no fewer than 130 dwellings and possibly more. This is an initiative of the Town of Cambridge.

Based on the above known developments a conservative estimate of the increased number of voters would be between 1500 and 1800 by February 2007 not the 790 noted on page 63 of the Information Kit.

The attached map with suggested boundaries is based on the lower end of this estimate.

The suggested change is to the northern boundary of Cottesloe in City Beach with the Indian Ocean boundary extended up to the new northern boundary at The Boulevard and the eastern boundary at Bold Park Drive.

It should be noted that in CCD section 5120115 the Town of Cambridge is planning to develop the City Beach Bowling Club site and adjacent land shortly. The development will comprise approximately 130 building blocks. The projected figures for this CCD section on the Electoral Commission's computer maps does not show a projected increase for CCD section 5120115 and is therefore inaccurate.

Taking into account the additional information about planned developments and release of home building blocks, the suggested boundaries for the district of Cottesloe result in a projected enrolment reaching close to the projected quotient by February 2007.

Community of interest, means of communication and distance from the capital, physical features: The suggested changes to the northern boundary of the district of Cottesloe are consistent with these three criteria as they apply to the current district of Cottesloe.

Existing local government boundaries: The suggested changes to the district of Cottesloe fall within the Town of Cambridge, part of which is within the current district of Cottesloe.

The trend of demographic changes: While major demographic change is reflected in the northern sections of the North Metropolitan area, there is also strong evidence that infill developments and re-developments of sites rezoned for residential purposes will continue at an aggressive pace in some sections of the western suburbs.

Information provided above regarding known and planned residential developments in the district of Cottesloe is consistent with the percentage change in enrolment in this district between 7.2.1994 and 11.2.2002 of 12.13 per cent. The data provided on page 63 of the Information Kit appears not to take into account the full impact of planned developments in the district of Cottesloe. It is likely that small residential infill projects will continue close to amenities such as the Swan River and beaches. Similarly larger developments planned for State Government owned sites such as those near the railway at Claremont and old school sites and local government owned sites, as well as major private developments will also come on stream well before February 2007.

The enclosed map showing the suggested boundaries for the district of Cottesloe shows the projected number of electors at 27 839. Assuming the data on proposed residential developments is correct then there could be 1000 more voters than the number of 790 provided on page 63 of the Information Kit. In addition there will be an estimated 200 extra voters in the residential development referred to above in CCD area 5120115. This would bring the projected number of voters within the suggested boundaries to 29 039.

District of Nedlands:

The attached map of suggested boundary changes for the district of Nedlands are based on the data provided in the Information Kit and the WA Electoral Commission's electronic maps.

The suggested boundaries encroach on the current boundaries of the districts of Perth and Churchlands. Under the current boundaries the district of Perth is divided by the Mitchell Freeway. The current district of Nedlands has the Mitchell Freeway as part of its eastern boundary. It is suggested that the eastern boundary of the district of Nedlands continue along the Freeway to Lake Monger Drive. The suggested northern boundary is Lake Monger Drive (in the current district of Perth) and Grantham Street (in the current district of Churchlands) to Selby Street as the western boundary.

These suggestions are consistent with the criteria of community of interest, means of communication and distance from the capital, physical features, and the existing boundaries of the regions and districts.

It is significant that the Freeway is the eastern boundary of the Town of Cambridge and that under the current boundaries this small section of the Town of Cambridge is included in the district of Perth. It is also significant that the suburb of West Leederville is currently divided by the boundaries of the districts of Perth and Nedlands. The suggested change to the boundaries would mean all of the suburb of West Leederville would be in the district of Nedlands.

The current western boundary of the district of Nedlands is at Selby and Cambridge Streets and the suggested change simply extends that boundary along Selby Street to Grantham Street. Selby Street divides the suburbs of Floreat (to the west) and Wembley (to the east).

The projected number of voters shown on the attached map is less than one per cent below the projected quotient of 29 092.

District of Churchlands

The attached map of suggested boundary changes for the district of Nedlands is based on the data provided in the Information Kit and the WAEC's electronic maps.

The suggested boundaries encroach on the current boundaries of the districts of Perth and Innaloo. Consistent with the suggested changes for the district of Nedlands it is suggested that the eastern boundary of the district of Churchlands move further east to the Mitchell Freeway.

This suggestion takes into account the eastern boundary of the Town of Cambridge. Under the current boundaries the suburb of Glendalough is split between the district of Churchlands and the district of Perth. The suggested changes bring the entire suburb of Glendalough within the boundaries of Churchlands.

The map with suggested changes to the district of Cottesloe show the western boundary continuing along the coast to Manning Street in Scarborough. The continuation of the western boundary in this way is consistent with the current physical features of the district of Churchlands.

The suggested northern boundary runs along Manning Street to Deanmore Road, up Deanmore Road and across Moreland Street to Ravenscar Street, down Ravenscar Street, across Beatrice Street to Huntriss Road and down Huntriss Road to King George Street and along King George Street to Odin Road, up Odin Road to Cedric Street and across Cedric Street to the Mitchell Freeway.

Bearing in mind the criterion of community of interest, the suggested boundaries bring all of the Osborne Park industrial area within the boundaries of the district of Churchlands.

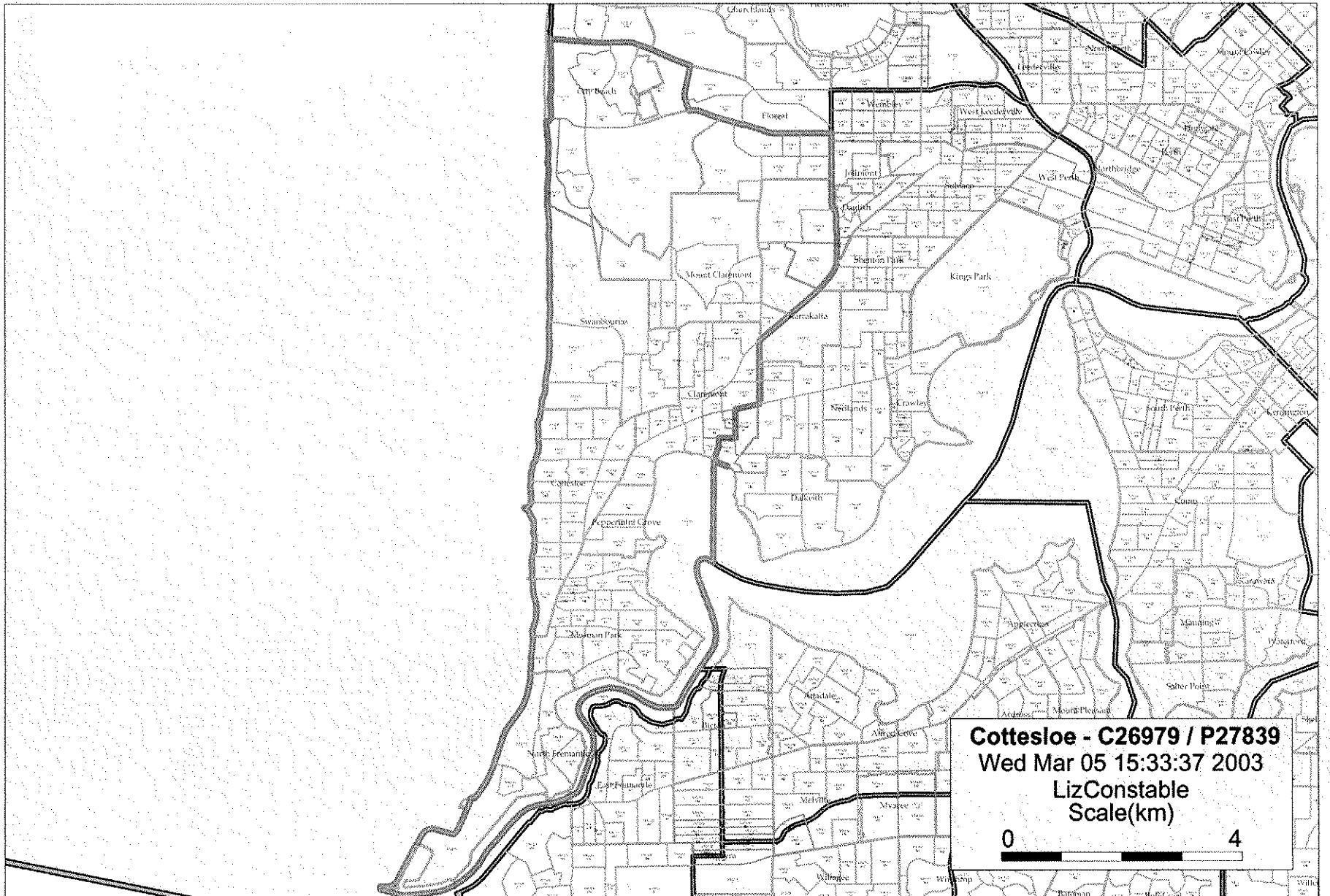
These suggestions are consistent with the criteria of community of interest, means of communication and distance from the capital, physical features, and the existing boundaries of the regions and districts, existing local government boundaries and the trend of demographic changes.

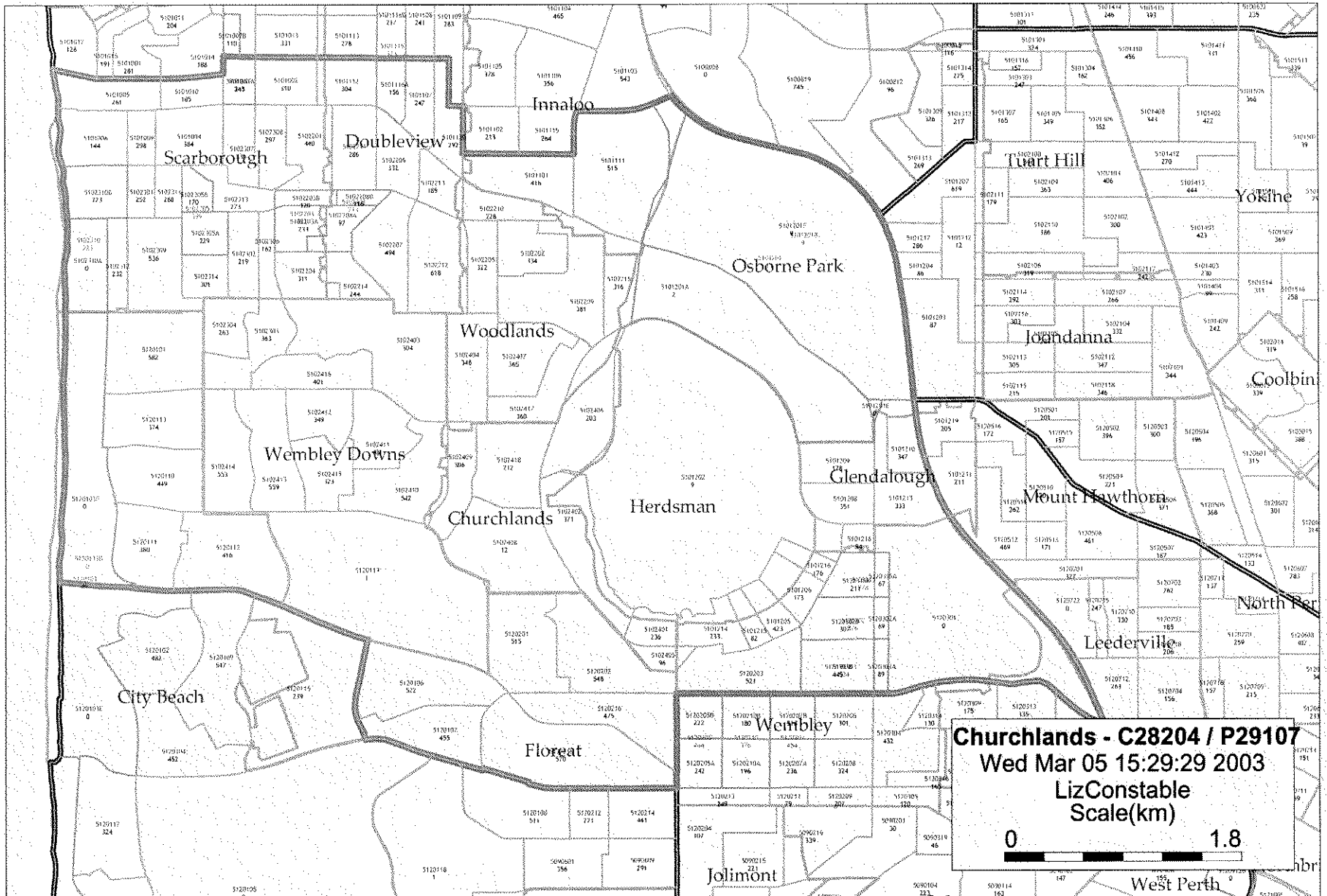
The suggested northern boundary has been drawn to comply with the projected quotient of 29 092 in February 2007.

It should be noted that the suggested changes to the eastern boundaries of both the districts of Churchlands and Nedlands, impact on the district of Perth. However, the Mitchell Freeway as a boundary is consistent with past practice and it provides an obvious physical boundary which serves to separate suburban communities.

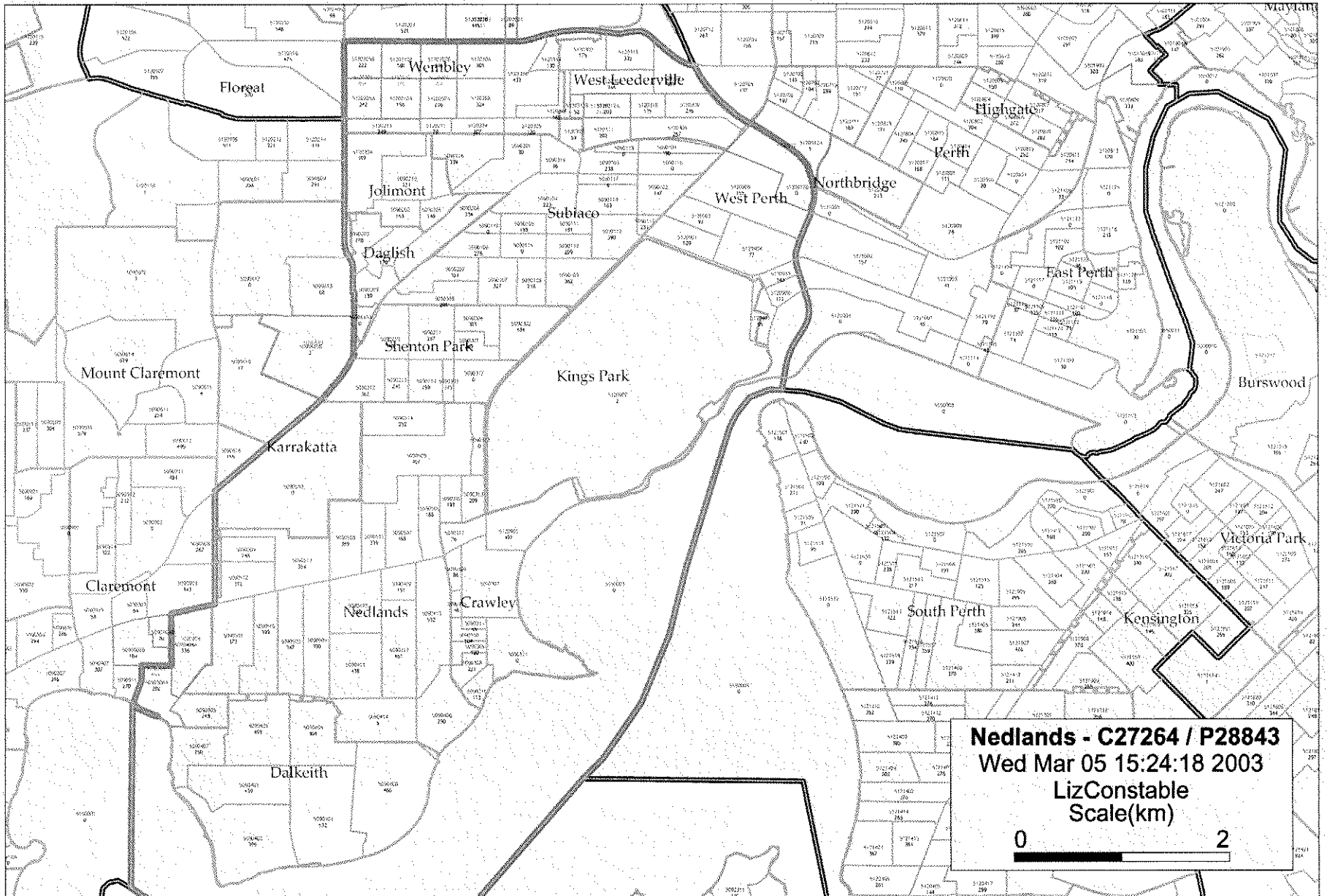
Naming of Districts

The suggested new boundaries for the districts of Churchlands, Cottesloe and Nedlands indicate there would be no need to change the names of these districts as each of the suburbs carrying these names remains complete within the suggested districts.





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