

Electoral Distribution Commission

Level 2, 111 St George's Tce

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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: OBJECTION TO CURRENTLY PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARY OF VASSE
IN SOUTH WEST DISTRICT ELECTORATE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dear Commissioners,

My family and numerous local residents strongly object to the proposed Electoral Boundary of Vasse because it should continue to include the whole of the City of Busselton Local Government boundary. The proposed districts should not be ceded from within the Boundary of Vasse because they have the attributes required by the Electoral Commissioners and truly represent the south west of WA including unique coastal and forest features like the:

- world's last vestiges of Tuart Forest in the world at Ludlow and Wonnerup
- internationally Ramsar declared Wonnerup estuary (into which the Sabina and Abba Rivers flow) near Reinscourt and Geographe
- old growth eucalypt forest through parts of Yalyalup, Ruabon, Hithergreen and along Vasse Highway especially towards Jarrahwood
- bush reserves in Tutunup, Yoganup and Yoongarillup

Also, the Yoongarillup Hall has been a major Polling Booth for Vasse since its establishment in 1921.

From figures published in Western Australia's Final Electoral Boundaries in October, 2011, Vasse elector enrolments were 21,533. Now latest figures indicate Vasse elector enrolments are 25,979 – an increase of 4,450 over almost four years. Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate a slowing down of growth in the South West so the Vasse electorate rate of Elector Enrolments may slow down to less than 1000 per year.

I hope you take this submission into consideration before making your final decision on ceding districts from the Vasse Electoral boundary in the South West electorate.

Sincere regards,

Mrs Julia Avery