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Hazelmere Progress Association Inc.

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The Hazelmere Progress Association Inc.

GPO Box 253 Guildford WA 6055.

"Our aim is to protect and enhance the lifestyle of the people of Hazelmere."

To:

The Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioner, Level 2, 111 St. Georges Terrace, Perth WA. 23.8.2015.

Re: The proposal to move Hazelmere from the Electoral district of Midland into the Electoral district of Belmont.

Dear Sir,

On the 10th August 2015 The Hazelmere Progress Association unanimously passed a motion to circulate a petition to the voting populace of Hazelmere regarding the above mentioned proposal. The petition was taken on the 22 and 23rd of August 2015 and attached to this covering letter are the petitions.

Due to time constraints the Association members were only able to approach around 200 of some 315 homes in the Hazelmere Townsite. Of the 200 homes, some of the residents were not home, or didn't answer the door, or had an inaccessible property, or dog etc.

3 people, for reasons unexpressed, did not wish to sign the petition.

The 113 people who signed, did so enthusiastically.

No-one expressed the thought that Hazelmere would be better served by the Belmont Electorate.

There was a very strong consensus that Hazelmere belonged to the Midland Electorate.

Expressions such as: "What a ridiculous idea, whose idea was that?" "Belmont, that has nothing to do with us, that belongs to Victoria Park", and so on were expressed. (In cases of lack of knowledge the balancing of voter numbers in the electorates had been explained to them.)

Hazelmere has a very small number of voters and, unlike South Guildford, is very slow to develop residentially.

The Hazelmere Progress Association Inc. on behalf of the Hazelmere petitioners, who we believe well represent the people of Hazelmere, seeks that the Commissioner retains Hazelmere in the Electoral district of Midland.

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