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Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commission GPO Box F316 PERTH WA 6841

By Email: boundaries@waec.wa.gov.au

Dear Executive Officer.

2023 REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

I refer to your request for comments on Legislative Assembly district boundaries for the upcoming 2025 elections.

With 31,420 eligible voters, the Kwinana district falls within acceptable limits at 3.25% variation from average district enrolment (ADE). However, the City adjoins Jandakot district (14.21% AED) on its northern boundary and Baldivis (17.99% AED) to the south which significantly exceed acceptable limits and require a retraction to their boundaries.

The City does not consider that Wellard and Leda being split between Kwinana and Baldivis districts is in the best interests of the community, resulting in unnecessary confusion over their State representation.

Consideration should be given to moving the Kwinana district southern boundary to align with current local government area boundary. Doing so will bring Wellard and Leda into the Kwinana district, partially addressing Baldivis' surplus. Given adjoining Darling Ranges and Warnbro both sit at 8.97% and 8.08% ADE respectively, the remaining reallocation required to bring Baldivis within acceptable limits should be addressed by reallocating its boundary with Rockingham district (-0.44% AED).

The City would not support any expansion of Kwinana's eastern boundary. The Kwinana district located to the east of the Kwinana Freeway is anticipated to experience considerable population growth in coming years which is capable of being absorbed provided an acceptable buffer to the City's AED continues to be retained. Further, Kwinana district is likely to experience significant population growth in the future with adjoining Darling Range (8.97% AED) and Cockburn (6.44% AED) having limited capacity to absorb any deficit.

In relation to the northern boundary, the City requests consideration be given to Cockburn absorbing the segment of the Kwinana district that falls north of Gibbs Road, namely portions of Atwell and Banjup. Doing so will result in less boundary confusion for the community.

Whilst Jandakot will require reallocation, sitting at 14.21% above AED, there is opportunity to reallocate to adjoining Willagee (-2.85%), Cannington (-0.07%) or Riverton (-2.75%).

City of Kwinana Administration

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Russell Mark, Manager Governance and Legal on 9439 0218 or by email at Russell.Mark@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Proposed Boundary Reallocation – District of Kwinana

