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To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to make a suggestion regarding the boundary of the Swan Hills/West Swan electoral boundary. At the 2021 election, the boundary passed through Ellenbrook in an east-west direction. I feel that this boundary could be shifted to cut in a north-south direction. This is because the Swan Hills electorate has a traditionally rural character, associated with the Swan Valley, Gidgegannup, Bullsbrook, and surrounding areas; whilst West Swan has a traditionally urban character, associated with Ellenbrook, Aveley, The Vines, Caversham, Dayton, Brabham, Bennett Springs and other surrounding areas.

At the 2021 election, the electoral boundary sat so that parts of Ellenbrook, Aveley and The Vines were within the Swan Hills electorate, whilst areas like Belhus were sitting in the West Swan electorate.

I feel that these communities could be better represented by their local member if West Swan contained the urban areas (likely West of the Belhus-Aveley boundary, and including most of The Vines) and Swan Hills contained the rural areas (likely East of the Belhus-Aveley boundary and including only the south-eastern part of The Vines). As such, the member for Swan Hills could represent communities affected by rural issues (e.g., bushfire response/mitigation, agriculture, protecting the rural character of the area); and the member for West Swan could represent communities affected by urban issues (e.g., schools, arterial roads, public transport, town planning, access to shopping, etc.). In particular, the areas that would be included within my proposed West Swan boundary would be communities that have developed over the last 15-20 years (Ellenbrook, The Vines, Dayton, Brabham, Caversham, Bennett Springs), and therefore have similar interests (continually expanding population, schools, public and private transport, crime).

At a personal level, I do not feel that my local area of Belhus is represented within the West Swan electorate, and I feel that my local member would not be interested in making decisions in my community's best interest where a conflict might exist between the interests of Belhus and the interests of Ellenbrook/Aveley/The Vines. I feel that my local area would be better represented as Swan Hills, and by the member elected to represent issues concerning areas like Upper Swan/Brigadoon/Herne Hill, etc.

This is already the case at the City of Swan level, where Belhus is the western-most part of the Swan Valley-Gidgegannup Ward, whilst the nearby urban areas are in the Pearce Ward. This means that elected councillors can focus on their core communities, and all residents feel well-represented.

Kind Regards,

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