



## LIBERAL PARTY OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 2019 DISTRIBUTION

The Liberal Party thanks the Distribution Commissioners for their highly responsible and careful proposals that keep changes to a minimum and enable the great majority of West Australian electors to remain within their current districts.

In particular we commend the decision to maintain the same numbers of metropolitan and non-metropolitan districts with an unchanged metropolitan boundary. Equally the boundary between the Agricultural and Mining and Pastoral Regions has been maintained with a comparatively minor adjustment, the transfer of the town of Kalbarri. The provisions of Section 16(H) of the *Electoral Act 1907* have been carefully upheld, as no significant area of broad acre farming has been removed from the Agricultural Region or diluted with metropolitan localities.

Somewhat more extensive boundary changes in the Cities of Wanneroo and Swan have resulted in more logical boundaries and enhanced community of interest, with the district of West Swan no longer both extending into the City of Wanneroo and crossing the Swan River.

The decision of the Commissioners to maintain the practice of using geographic names rather than the names of individuals for Legislative Assembly districts is most welcome and clearly enjoys bipartisan support.

The Liberal Party is submitting what we hope are modest and incremental objections to the proposed boundaries. These can be summarised as follows:

- A suggestion that the proposed district of Kingsway be redesignated as Landsdale.
- An adjustment to the boundaries of Dawesville, Mandurah and Murray-Wellington to preserve the southern boundary of the City of Mandurah as the boundary of the district of Dawesville.
- A series of adjustments regarding the districts of Perth, Nedlands, Cottesloe, Churchlands and Scarborough.
- A request to review the proposed boundary between the districts of Hillarys and Carine.
- A very minor adjustment to the proposed south western boundary of the district of Darling Range.

### KINGSWAY

The Liberal Party fully supports these proposed boundaries and recognises the synergies that exist between the localities of Hocking, Pearsall, Wangara, Madely, Darch, Landsdale and Alexander Heights. We are however concerned at the potential for confusion between the proposed district name of 'Kingsway' with the name of the adjacent district of Kingsley. Moreover Kingsway is not the name of an actual locality, and the Kingsway shopping centre is in the far south-west corner of the proposed district.

We therefore suggest that the name 'Landsdale' be given to this district. With 8489 electors this locality is by far the largest suburb in this proposed district.

#### DAWESVILLE, MANDURAH and MURRAY-WELLINGTON

The Liberal Party objects to the transfer of the locations of Bouvard, Heron and Clifton from the district of Dawesville to the Murray-Wellington district. These localities have a strong community of interest with the adjacent locality of Dawesville, with the district of Dawesville and with the City of Mandurah.

The southern boundary of the City of Mandurah forms a clear demarcation between the two electoral districts. The 983 electors residing in Bouvard and Heron would find themselves in a somewhat isolated extension of the district of Murray-Wellington. It is therefore proposed that they remain within Dawesville.

To keep the district of Dawesville within 10.0% of ADE we propose that a further 703 electors residing in the location of Dudley Park be ceded to the district of Mandurah. This section of Dudley Park comprises two SA1s bounded by Leigh Street, Leslie Street, Coolibah Avenue and Boundary Road.

To balance the enrolment of the district of Mandurah, it is proposed that 809 electors in the two SA1s comprising the locality of Parklands, together with the small section of the locality of Lakelands lying east of the Perth-Mandurah rail line, be ceded to the district of Murray-Wellington. The boundary between the two districts would run east-west along Lakes Road/Gordon Road before running north along the rail line. This transfer would complement the nearby cession of the localities of Barragup and Furnissdale from Mandurah to Murray-Wellington.

#### PERTH and NEDLANDS

The submissions of the Liberal Party, WA Labor and D McLeod all advocated that the boundary between the Perth and Nedlands districts follow the Mitchell Freeway, transferring that part of the locality of West Perth that lies within the City of Perth to the district of Nedlands. The locality of Kings Park and a small section of the locality of Perth, west of the Mitchell Freeway, was also recommended to be transferred.

It should be noted that the locality of West Perth has long been bifurcated, with the northern section (1420 electors) lying within the City of Vincent and separated from the southern section within the City of Perth (1824 electors) by the Freeway, LGA boundary and a non-residential section south of Newcastle Street. These two disparate sections of West Perth have often been placed in different state and federal electorates, but the City of Perth section has never previously been split.

The proposed boundary has the effect of splitting the southern section of West Perth along Malcolm Street. This leaves a significant residential component of the suburb around Mount Street within the district of Perth. Over 400 electors whose usual polling place is the Constitutional Centre in Havelock Street will find themselves casting Absentee ballots in

2021 unless the West Australian Electoral Commission uses the less than ideal expedient of a joint polling booth.

There are four SA1s remaining within the proposed district of Perth with a total of 694 electors. It is strongly suggested that these SA1s be ceded to the district of Nedlands so that the boundary between Perth and Nedlands can run cleanly along the natural boundary of the Mitchell Freeway as it did prior to 2007. This additional transfer will still leave both districts within 10.0% of ADE, with a lower enrolment for the Perth district consistent with its relatively high growth rate. The City of Perth locality of West Perth will remain united in one electoral district.

#### SCARBOROUGH and CHURCHLANDS

We request the Commissioners to reinstate the south-eastern section of the locality of Scarborough, lying east of Weaponess Road and south of St Brigid's Terrace, within the district of Scarborough rather than cede it to the district of Churchlands. This would have the effect of retaining the entire eponymous locality of Scarborough within its own district and retain an established community of interest.

#### CHURCHLANDS, COTTESLOE and NEDLANDS

The Liberal Party is fully supportive of the submission presented jointly by Mr Sean L'Estrange MLA, Dr David Honey MLA, and Hon Bill Marmion MLA. In particular we endorse their argument for the retention of the central section of the locality of City Beach within the district of Churchlands on strong grounds of community of interest.

Our proposals regarding the boundaries of Perth with Nedlands, and of Churchlands with Scarborough, may hopefully provide additional flexibility in the consideration of this submission.

#### HILLARYS AND CARINE

There is considerable synergy and community of interest between the localities of Hillarys and Sorrento, underscored by the fact that Hillarys Boat Harbour is also known as Sorrento Quay. Both localities are within the same South West Ward of the City of Joondalup.

It is therefore requested that the decision to cede the locality of Sorrento to the district be reconsidered. It may be relevant that this locality has 5498 electors, balancing the 5750 electors in the locality of Padbury that also borders the district of Carine.

#### DARLING RANGE and WARNBRO

It is proposed that the south-western boundary of the district of Darling Range be fully aligned with the western boundary of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. This would involve the cession of the southernmost section of the locality of Baldvis and the locality of Keralup, to the adjacent district of Warnbro. There appear to be almost no electors in this far corner of the City of Rockingham, so the effect on proposed enrolments will be neutral.

The proposed alignment of the boundary between these two electoral districts will result in the City of Rockingham covering three rather than four electoral districts: Rockingham, Warnbro and Baldivis. In turn the district of Darling Range, currently including parts of five LGAs, will be confined to the eastern part of the City of Armadale and the entire Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

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The Liberal Party would appreciate the opportunity to elaborate on these matters in a future meeting with the Distribution Commissioners.