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Dear Sir,

Changes to boundaries for seat of Girrawheen

The Organisation of African Communities in WA (OAC) is an umbrella organisation representing WA African Communities including different African associations and African countries ranging from Burundi to Zimbabwe

We are a not-for-profit organization providing support, services and representation for all Africans in Western Australia at a state and national level.

We run a number of programs including those focused on young Western Australians of African heritage. These include mentoring on upon release from prison African offenders, the *Stop the Violence* program aiming to build capacity, increase self-esteem and leadership and a school outreach program for year 10-12 students called *Make it Happen*.

We operate out of an office in the Girrawheen hub, a facility funded by the City of Wanneroo and the State government. The hub was set up because it was felt that Council premises 13 kilometres away in Wanneroo were too far away for people in the South Ward to make inquiries, to meet and to understand services available.

This is very true for persons from emerging communities including the many we represent. Girrawheen is an ideal location as there is an increasing focus on community services. An upgraded library and seniors centre and the hub itself mean that residents living some distance away to the north travel to Girrawheen to those facilities.

For that reason our organisation does not support any proposal which would see Girrawheen separated from suburbs with similar groups and needs.

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Also many of our members who have become citizens find themselves voting for the first time may be confused if a suburb was to be split and be divided between two or more electorates.

Yours sincerely,

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President - Organisation of African Communities WA

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