

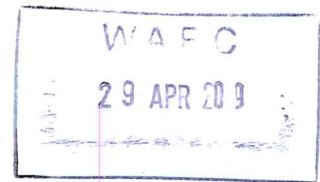
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**The Distribution Commissioners: 2019 Distribution of WA State Electoral Boundaries.**

Thank you for the opportunity to make submission to this review of WA electoral boundaries.

I commence by noting the following from the publication; *2019 WA DISTRIBUTION REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES PROCESS OVERVIEW*

*"The average number of electors across the metropolitan districts is 28,529 which is not exceptionally different from the average of 28,200 for country districts excluding those with a special allowance."*

Given the numbers outlined above it is clear there is no case to be made for any change in the numbers of metropolitan or country seats. Any adjustments necessary can and should be accommodated within the existing balance of city and rural seats.

It is accepted that with a Variation from Average District Enrolment (VFADE) of -12.21% and having 24,206 electors the district of Moore will have to be adjusted.

In adjusting districts, I understand the Commissioners take account of a number of factors those being communities of interest, land use patterns, means of communication, means of travel and distance from Perth, physical features, existing boundaries of regions and districts, existing local government boundaries and predicted future increases or decreases in elector numbers.

Moore lies in the Agricultural Region which is defined by Section 16H (1) (c) of the Electoral Act 1907 as... *one region, to be known as the Agricultural Region, consists of complete and contiguous districts that together form an area that is generally south, or south and west, of and adjacent to the Mining and Pastoral Region and in which the land use is primarily for agricultural purposes;*

The communities that make up the district of Moore conform to the general description contained in the Act and share many transport, social and economic links. None of the communities have strong links with the Mining and Pastoral region, nor do they share the land use patterns as defined by Section 16H (1) (b) of the Electoral Act 1907...*the Mining and Pastoral Region, consists of complete and contiguous districts that together form an area that is remote from Perth and in which the land use is primarily for mining and pastoral purposes.*

Adjustments the district of Moore should reflect its predominantly agricultural nature.

I note the statement in the 2019 WA DISTRIBUTION REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES PROCESS OVERVIEW

*“There are also a number of districts where the enrolment level is only marginally within the permissible limits and where it would appear prudent to make some adjustment.”*

With 9,915 electors and an LDA of 12,256 the neighbouring district of North West Central has a VADE of -19.59% which is within the acceptable limit of 20% and does not require adjustment however given the view expressed above, it may be that the Commissioners choose to do so.

On the basis of the factors outlined in the preceding discussion, adjustments to North West Central should be made within the existing boundaries of the Mining and Pastoral Region.

Any adjustment that placed an agricultural population with strong communities of interest with other agricultural areas into a more remote seat such as North West Central would not promote better representation.

The average VFADE for all 4 Mining and Pastoral districts is currently -9.61%. All these seats attract a LDA in any conceivable scenario, it is therefore entirely feasible to adjust the boundaries within the region to achieve an acceptable VFADE of between -9 and -10% for all 4 seats.

#### **Adjustments to Moore and within the Agricultural Region**

As has already been conceded, the district of Moore is outside the acceptable 10% variation of VFADE and must be adjusted. Moore can be adjusted to have an acceptable VFADE by gaining the Shires of Goomalling and Wongan Ballidu from the district of Central Wheatbelt. This could be accomplished with a consequential adjustment of the Shire of Kulin being ceded by the district of Roe to the district of Central Wheatbelt.

The remaining seat in the Agricultural Region, Geraldton, has 25,874 electors and a VFADE of -6.16% which is well within the acceptable limit and does not require adjustment.

#### **Moore**

Currently Moore has 24206 electors (zero LDA) and a VFADE of -12.21%

Adding Goomalling and Wongan Ballidu Shires results in Moore having 25,795 electors (zero LDA) and a VFADE of -6.45% which is well within the acceptable limit of 10%.

#### **Central Wheatbelt**

Currently Central Wheatbelt has 27,374 electors (25855 actual, 1519 LDA) and a VFADE of -0.72.

Ceding Goomalling and Wongan Ballidu shires whilst simultaneously gaining the Kulin Shire will result in Central Wheatbelt having 26,353 electors (24,838 actual, 1515 LDA) and a VFADE of -4.4%

#### **Roe**

Roe currently has 27,082 electors (25,486 actual, 1596 LDA) and a VFADE of -1.78%.

Ceding Kulin Shire results in 26445 electors (24,919 actual, 1526 LDA) and a VFADE of -4.1%

I thank you for your consideration of this submission.

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