

Metropolitan Regions

Some original suggestions supported the creation of an additional metropolitan district and further submissions in the objections phase acknowledged this decision but preferred other locations. However, none of the objections contained arguments sufficiently convincing to persuade the Commissioners to change their proposal. After re-examining the options available, the Commissioners determined that the proposal to create a new electoral district called Baldivis should stand. While not alleviating all pressure points, this will deliver more clearly defined boundaries across the entire Perth metropolitan area than would be the case if the new district were to be located in either the North or East Metropolitan Regions.

The Commissioners were persuaded, however, not to proceed with a proposal to transfer the district of Mount Lawley to the North Metropolitan Region in a straight swap with the district of Girrawheen. While the Commissioners consider that Mount Lawley shares an equal affinity with both regions, they were convinced by the view of some objectors that Girrawheen remains a better fit in the North Metropolitan Region.

Table 9: Numbers of parliamentary representatives and electors by Metropolitan regions after final boundary changes

Metro region	No. of Legislative Council representatives per region (6 per region)	No. of Legislative Assembly representatives per region (1 per district)	Number of electors at close of electoral roll ¹ after final boundary changes
East Metropolitan	6	14	362,932
North Metropolitan	6	14	362,608
South Metropolitan	6	15	377,634
Total	18	43	1,103,174
Average district enrolment – Metropolitan			25,655
VFADE			+ 2.94%

¹ Electoral roll closed on 9 March 2015.