



Dear Commissioners,

### **Comments on the Proposed State Boundaries.**

After reading the draft boundaries proposed by the Electoral Distribution Commission, I was extremely disappointed to see that the suburb of Ballajura will remain divided. Whilst I understand the requirements of not exceeding the maximum permissible enrolment I do not believe that keeping the suburb of Ballajura split is the most effective or practical option available.

As I mentioned in my previous submission is not only confusing when electors live in the same suburb yet do not have the same electoral representation, but it is also very damaging to the community spirit of the area. The importance of living in a community where the local high school, shopping centres and residents are all represented under the one electorate cannot be understated.

In order to maintain the requirements of not exceeding the maximum permissible enrolment whilst having the Suburb of Ballajura represented under one electorate at the same time I suggest the following alternative.

The electorate of West Swan (Mann) cedes the suburb of Banksia Grove to the electorate of Wanneroo. Banksia Grove is currently a part of the City of Wanneroo and as a result share similar community issues and concerns with the rest of the suburbs residing in the City of Wanneroo. If the electorate of Wanneroo gained the suburb of Banksia Grove not only would Banksia Grove be represented in an electorate that faces the same issues as themselves but it would create enough room for the section of Ballajura currently residing in the Mirrabooka Electorate to move back into the electorate of West Swan (Mann). This would see the suburb of Ballajura united once again under one electorate, without exceeding the maximum permissible enrolment.

Whether the residents of Ballajura live in the northern or southern part of the suburb they face similar issues every day. They use the same shopping centres, parks, schools and other local community facilities. It is not logical nor practical for a community that deals with the same issues to be divided into two electorates particularly when there is a clear alternative. When the residents of Ballajura are trying to come together and strengthen its community bond the suburb is being divided by the Electoral Commission.

The residents of Ballajura deserve to be seen as one community, represented as one electorate, with one Member of State Parliament representing and speaking out on the issues that affect ALL Ballajura residents. It is time that Ballajura once again becomes a suburb that is unified not just by its shared issues faced, but a suburb unified under one electoral boundary.

I urge you to consider rejoining the suburb of Ballajura in the 2015 Electoral Boundary Review.

Yours sincerely  
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