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Hon. Eric Heenan QC  
Chair  
Western Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir

### 2019 WA Distribution Boundaries – City of Mandurah response

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed boundaries outlined in the 2019 Electoral Boundaries Review for the 2021 State Election. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of the City's submission.

The City of Mandurah provided suggestions to the review in April, and was pleased to learn that a number of these suggestions have subsequently been incorporated into the proposed new boundaries. The City wishes to provide feedback on the electoral districts of Mandurah, Dawesville and Murray-Wellington, as follows:

- **Mandurah** – proposal to gain a portion of the locality of Dudley Park from the electoral district of Dawesville, and to cede the localities of Barragup and Furnissdale to the electoral district of Murray-Wellington.

The City of Mandurah appreciates the reasons for this proposal, as it would reduce the Mandurah electoral district's elector population to ensure that it remains within 10% of the Average District Enrolment (ADE) for Western Australia. It would also ensure alignment between Barragup and Furnissdale's state electoral and local government area (LGA) representation.

It is noted that the City's April submission suggested transferring around 1000 electors from Dawesville to Mandurah, whereas the Electoral Distribution Commission proposal would transfer around 690 electors.

- **Dawesville** – proposal to cede the localities of Clifton, Herron and Bouvard to the electoral district of Murray-Wellington, and to cede a portion of the localities of Dudley Park and Mandurah to the electoral district of Mandurah.

The City of Mandurah *does not oppose* the proposed transfer of Clifton, Herron and Bouvard to Murray-Wellington. Whilst the City's long-standing position is that electoral district boundaries and LGA boundaries should align wherever possible, the City acknowledges that to retain Clifton, Herron and Bouvard within the Dawesville electoral district in its current form would result in it exceeding the 10% of ADE threshold.

- **Murray-Wellington** – proposal to gain the localities of Clifton, Herron and Bouvard from the electoral district of Dawesville, to gain the localities of Barragup and Furnissdale from the electoral district of Mandurah, and to cede the locality of Roelands to the electoral district of Collie-Preston.

The City of Mandurah *does not oppose* this proposal. The City *supports* the proposal to transfer the localities of Barragup and Furnissdale to Murray-Wellington, and *does not oppose* the transfer of the locality of Roelands to Collie-Preston, and the localities of Clifton, Herron and Bouvard to Murray-Wellington.

Notwithstanding, it is noted that this proposal would likely result in the Murray-Wellington electoral district exceeding the 10% of ADE threshold.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the 2019 Electoral Boundaries Review.

Yours sincerely



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