



The Federal Redistribution 2008
Western Australia



Public Comment on Objection Number 3

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Dear Mr Nagle,

I write with regard the Federal Redistribution 2008 Western Australia, for the electorate of Stirling.

I support the boundary changes proposed by the Australian Electoral Commission. The new boundaries show a much clearer delineation of the electorate, easily identified as being bound by Scarborough Beach Road, Alexander Drive and Beach Road.

I strongly disagree with the objections made by the Labor Secretariat (Public Objections No. 21) with regard to the Stirling/Curtin boundary;

- Mt Hawthorn has not been a part of Stirling since 1974
- North Perth has never been a part of Stirling
- The Vincent Local Government Authority has never been a part of Stirling
- Switching almost half of the Town of Vincent from Curtin into Stirling makes no sense and would create a confusing spike on the southern Stirling boundary
- If the relationship the Town of Vincent currently has with Curtin is to be broken, it should be transferred to Perth, so the full Local Government Authority of Vincent, is in Perth electorate
- The Town of Vincent, being part of the former City of Perth, has closer social affiliation with Perth and Curtin, than with Stirling
- Curtin electorate has never previously extended as far north as Karrinyup Road

- Making Huntriss Road a boundary, leaving Innaloo in Stirling is ambiguous
- Moving the southern boundary north to Karrinyup Road squeezes the coastal boundary of the electorate to a disproportionate size with adjacent seats
- There is a strong affiliation of the inner suburban communities of Stirling with their beaches, from Scarborough Beach through to North Beach.

I reiterate my support for the Stirling electorate boundary changes as proposed by the AEC.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Keenan MP