



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Suggestion 12

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The Electoral Redistribution Committee for Western Australia

Dear Commissioners,

Proposals for Redistribution of Western Australia

I wish to make a submission to the committee for the state of Western Australia. It will be largely narrative in nature. As in the past with various states and territories I make this in a personal capacity. I have relied upon AEC elector projections and have found some of the suggestions of various contributors on various websites such as Poll Bludger and Tally Room to be quite helpful.

The basis of my proposals follows the following logic:

- The number of Western Australian seats is to increase by one to 16 (from 15);
- I have relied heavily on the projected elector numbers;
- I have worked from fixed boundaries, such as the ocean, state boundaries, major rivers such as the Swan River and worked inland or south and west towards Perth and the Indian Ocean;
- I have identified that Forrest could be left unchanged. It is both close to average quota and changes are not necessary to accommodate changes elsewhere;
- I have sought to make the direction of changes in one direction and seeking to avoid unnecessary additions and subtractions of electors. The examples of this are Durack, O'Connor, Brand, Pearce, Moore, Curtin, Fremantle, Perth. However it is not always possible to avoid two way transfers and this applies to Tangney, Swan, Canning, Hasluck. I have not made any changes to Burt and Forrest;
- Fremantle needs to shed electors and the transfer to Tangney means the greater use of a local council boundary and Tangney resumes its previous configuration in large part. With Brand the use of the Kwinana Freeway as a continuous major feature to define its boundary appears to meet elector enrolment requirements;
- With Curtin I have reversed in part the 2022 changes and placed the former electors from the abolished Stirling into Cowan, along with electors from Moore. The slight western movement of Cowan with electors also from Pearce and Perth enables all of its Swan Council area to be included in my proposed Hasluck;
- With Canning I have used a major road boundary to remove the required number of electors to bring it within quota and to transfer them to the new Division I propose;
- The new Division I propose be created is called Holman, named in honour of a distinguished Western Australian MP Mary Holman. Ms Holman was the first Labor Party woman MP in Australia and represented the Western Australian state seat of Forrest from 1925 to 1939. I have previously proposed this name but for some reason it has not been accepted and oddly not supported by the Labor Party. This new Division is a composite of electors from Durack, O'Connor, Canning, Hasluck, and Swan. It includes some complete council areas such as Kalamunda, Mundaring and some regional councils;

- Names of Divisions has a particular prominence, such as federation names, prime ministers names, aboriginal names and number of women's names should be sought to be maintained. I note the tendency to co-name Divisions, which I think it a good idea; and
- In the background is apparent plans to enlarge the Senate and House of Representatives, which might mean the new boundaries might be shortly revisited.

Conclusion

I wish the Commissioners all the best in their deliberations. I have attached a series of maps which indicate my proposals.

These are the projected enrolments for the 16 proposed Divisions for 2028. They are all within the 3.5% tolerance.

Brand	120547
Burt	125827
Canning	121118
Cowan	117880
Curtin	121358
Durack	119351
Forrest	124708
Fremantle	123356
Hasluck	117471
Moore	119441
O'Connor	121412
Pearce	117727
Perth	123887
Swan	118850
Tangney	124344
Holman	119152

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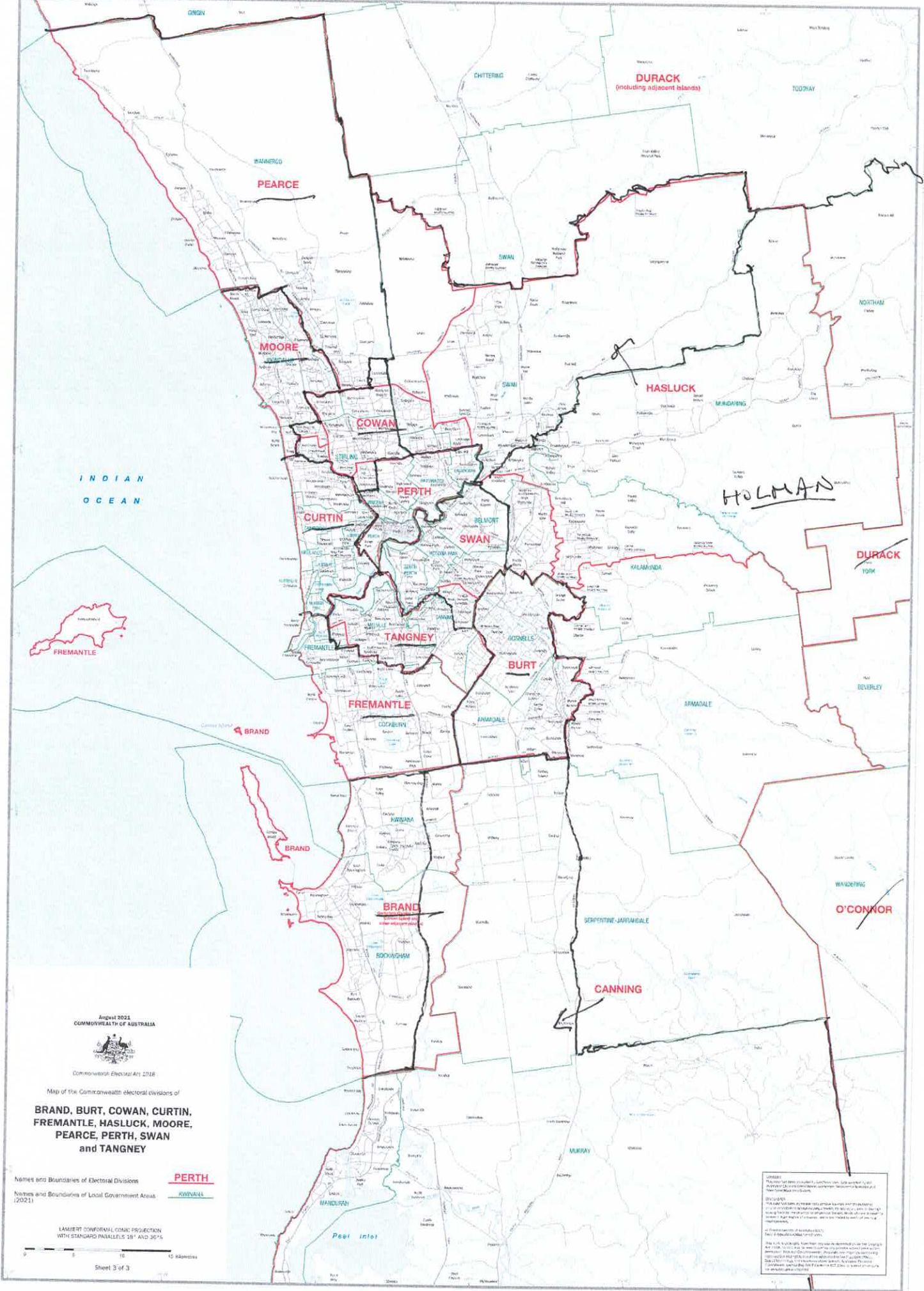
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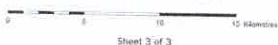


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 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

Map of the Commonwealth electoral divisions of
**BRAND, BURT, COWAN, CURTIN,
 FREMANTLE, HASLUCK, MOORE,
 PEARCE, PERTH, SWAN,
 and TANGNEY**

Names and Boundaries of Electoral Divisions
 Names and Boundaries of Local Government Areas
 (2021)

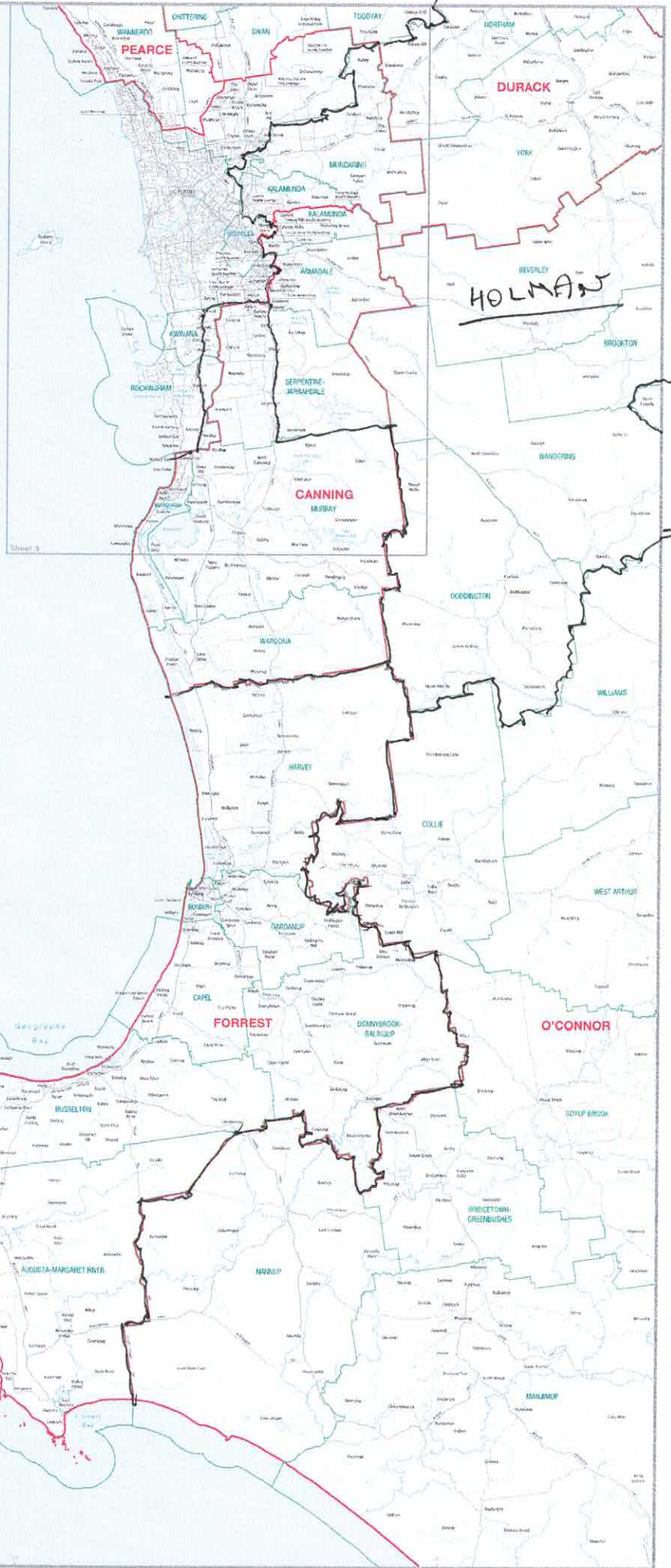
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 WITH STANDARD PARALLELS 18° AND 36°S



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LEGEND
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1:100,000 scale map of the Canning and Forrest electoral divisions, showing the names and boundaries of the local government areas (LGAs) within the divisions. The map is based on the 2021 LGA boundaries and the 2021 electoral division boundaries. The map is a Lambert Conformal Conic Projection with standard parallels 28° and 36°S.



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Map of the Commonwealth electoral divisions of

CANNING and FORREST

Names and Boundaries of Electoral Divisions

CANNING

Names and Boundaries of Local Government Areas (2021)

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LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC PROJECTION
WITH STANDARD PARALLELS 28° AND 36°S



GENERAL
 This map has been prepared by the Electoral Commission of Western Australia in accordance with the Electoral Act 1947 and the Electoral (Electoral Divisions) Act 1922.

DEFINITIONS
 The names of the electoral divisions are shown in red. The names of the local government areas are shown in green. The names of the local government areas are shown in green. The names of the local government areas are shown in green.

LEGEND
 Names and Boundaries of Electoral Divisions (2021) — DURACK
 Names and Boundaries of Local Government Areas (2021) — ALBANY

PROJECTION
 LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC PROJECTION WITH STANDARD PARALLELS 14° AND 39° S

SCALE
 0 100 200 300 Kilometres

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INDIAN OCEAN



DURACK
 (including adjacent islands)

O'CONNOR
 (including adjacent islands)



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 Map of the Commonwealth electoral divisions of
DURACK and O'CONNOR

Names and Boundaries of Electoral Divisions — **DURACK**
 Names and Boundaries of Local Government Areas (2021) — **ALBANY**

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SOUTHERN OCEAN