

To the Electoral Commissioners of Western Australia

ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION – 2007

CONCERNING THE SEAT OF MINDARIE

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**THE ELECTORATE OF MINDARIE – A COMMUNITY OF
INTEREST**

At the 2003 redistribution the electorate of Mindarie was first created. The seat stretches across the local boundary separating Joondalup from Wanneroo, meaning that there was a 2.3 km stretch of bushland between the northern suburbs in the electorate, which were situated in the shire of Wanneroo, and the southern suburbs located in the City of Joondalup.

With the large portion of bushland in between the two parts of the existing electorate, there is a great disconnect between the north and south parts of the electorate, and they share little in common.

Our submission for the new electorate of Mindarie

The new electorate of Mindarie should commence with its southern border at the local government boundary, and stretch out to the freeway reserve, and travel north, and include all suburbs to the north, as far as Yanchep and Two Rocks. This, by our research, is a population of 19,500, and all share a common interest for the following reasons:

1. Planning and Community Infrastructure

All of the suburbs in the identified corridor are at the front edge of the housing boom in Perth. As such, the communities in these suburbs share common challenges that the suburbs immediately to the south do not, for

example, in the suburbs in the identified corridor, the housing has all been constructed in advance of community infrastructure, like sporting ovals and community centres. Most of the sporting ovals identified require upgrades to accommodate continued growth of the area.

Obviously, if the seat was split between the identified corridor, and suburbs to the south in the current electorate, this competition between the communities who want enhanced sporting and community facilities, and our community that wants to see the acquisition of basic facilities. If the seat remains split as it has been over two local government areas, we will have the additional problem of trying to deal with the municipalities for the provision of social infrastructure.

2. Policing

There could be no greater recognition of the fact that the suburbs of Mindarie and Clarkson, north to Two Rocks, constitute an area of common interest, because all of those suburbs, with the exception of two rocks, which has its own police station, are policed out of the Clarkson Police Station, situated at the area's regional shopping centre in Ocean Keys Boulevard Clarkson. At the moment, with the seat split as it is, with the big disconnect in the middle, you have half the residents in the south lobbying the local member to have more police in the Joondalup Police Station, and more traffic patrols into the suburbs of Currambine, Ocean Reef and Iluka, whilst we have the northern constituents in the electorate lobbying that the Police should actually be allocated not to Joondalup, but to Clarkson.

3. Public Transport

In the identified corridor between Mindarie and Two Rocks, all of the public transport issues are the same, that is, the rail line goes to Clarkson, and all buses to this northern corridor are all centred around taking passengers to and from Clarkson station, and all the issues that surround that. It is unnecessarily complicated to include in the new seat of Mindarie suburbs to the south of the local government boundary, all of which have transport issues revolving around the Currambine Train Station.

4. Schools

There is a distinct education belt running along Hester Avenue from the ocean back to Connolly Drive containing four high schools in the space of one and a half kilometres, with a further high school in Butler, some two kilometres to the north. That's five high schools in close proximity, and the

Government has promised a TAFE college at the Clarkson high school site. The catchment area for these schools are all of the houses north of Tamala Park, and constitute a single, identifiable, educational community.

5. Local Government

Under the new proposed changes for Local Government Elections, effective from October 2007, the Wanneroo wards of Coastal and Hester will combine, and that one ward of the City of Wanneroo will include all of suburbs listed in the proposed new seat of Mindarie, with the exception of the two suburbs, Two Rocks and Yanchep. So, for the vast majority of constituents in what we submit should be the area of the new seat, there will be convenience and easy identification with their locality, which will be regarded as a discrete locality within Local Government, as well as State Government, with the proposed new boundaries for the electorate of Mindarie overlaying all of the new enlarged coastal ward.

6. Population

As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, from figures taken from a very recent electoral roll, the proposed new boundaries would encompass a population of 19,572, which will be slightly under the 10% variation of the benchmark of 21,350 voters. However the area continues to grow, as the population figures from the City of Wanneroo predict 6 per cent increase over the next several years. Therefore if the Commissioners elected to set the boundary with the population at approximately 19,500 then by the time the election came in February 2009 the seat of Mindarie would be in excess of the quota of 21,350. On the other hand if the electoral commissioners wanted the seat of Mindarie to have a full quota now it could as we have submitted include the half or even the whole of the suburb of Kinross.

When one is looking at a Community of Interest you will notice that the area proposed to form the seat of Mindarie is exactly that identified by the proprietors of Community Newspapers as their area of common interest for which they publish a separate newspaper called the North Coast Times (see attachment two).

We enclose (attachment 3) a map reflecting how the electorate of Mindarie should look if our submissions are acceded to.

Yours sincerely


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SUBURB	POSTCODE	ELECTORS
Mindarie	6030	3552
Clarkson	6030	3411
Merriwa	6030	2977
Quinns Rocks	6030	4277
Ridgewood	6030	743
Eglinton	6034	20
Butler	6036	1878
Jindalee	6036	36
Two Rocks	6037	1167
Yanchep	6035	1511
TOTAL		19572
Kinross	6028	3788
Burns Beach	6028	140
Currambine	6028	3710
Iluka	6028	2187
Ocean Reef	6027	5261
Heathridge	6027	4366
Connolly	6027	2348
TOTAL		21800

Stirling Times (T)

169 Main St, Stirling, WA 6017

Tel (08) 9231-5200

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P/C	Suburb/Area	Split	Quantity
6021	Balcatta		5,238
6020	Carine		2,426
6018	Churchlands		882
6018	Doubleview		3,427
6016	Glendalough		1,248
6018	Gwelup		1,430
6022	Hamersley		2,135
6018	Innaloo		3,433
6060	Joondanna		2,606
6018	Karrinyup		3,408
6020	North Beach		1,610
6017	Osborne Park		3,991
6019	Scarborough		7,650
6021	Stirling		2,946
6029	Trigg		1,180
6060	Tuart Hill		3,897
6020	Watermans Bay		585
6019	Wembley Downs		2,294
6018	Woodlands		1,591
TOTAL			51,977

Distribution Schedule for free
Community Newspapers
each Tuesday

North Coast Times (T)

Address as for Wanneroo Times

P/C	Suburb/Area	Quantity
6028	Burns Beach	150
6036	Butler	1,853
6030	Clarkson	3,075
6028	Kinross	2,432
6030	Merrima	1,666
6030	Mindarie	2,235
6030	Quinns Rocks	3,097
6030	Ridgewood	337
6037	Two Rocks	906
6035	Yanchep	1,173
TOTAL		16,924

Wanneroo Times (Tues)

16 Clarke Crescent, Joondalup, WA 6065

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P/C	Suburb/Area	Split	Quantity
6064	Alexander Heights	(S)	2,853
6065	Ashby	(C)	325
6031	Banksia Grove	(C)	685
6027	Beldon	(C)	1,835
6031	Carramar	(C)	1,472
6027	Connolly	(C)	1,389
6025	Craigie	(C)	2,532
6028	Currambine	(C)	2,353
6065	Darch	(S)	879
6023	Duncraig	(S)	5,944
6027	Edgewater	(C)	1,780
6064	Girrawheen	(S)	3,773
6024	Greenwood	(S)	4,188
6027	Heathridge	(C)	2,878
6025	Hillarys	(S)	4,501
6065	Hocking	(C)	1,310
6028	Iluka	(C)	1,214
6027	Joondalup	(C)	4,299
6025	Kallaroo	(C)	2,015
6026	Kingsley	(S)	4,982
6064	Koondoola	(S)	1,496
6065	Landsdale	(S)	1,793
6065	Madeley	(S)	900
6064	Marangaroo	(S)	3,817
6065	Mariginiup	(C)	130
6020	Marmion	(S)	858
6027	Mullaloo	(C)	2,277
6027	Ocean Reef	(C)	2,878
6025	Padbury	(S)	3,505
6065	Pearsall	(C)	541
6065	Sinagra	(C)	100
6020	Sorrento	(S)	2,935
6065	Tapping	(C)	827
6065	Wangara	(C)	690
6065	Wanneroo	(C)	3,792
6024	Warwick	(S)	1,728
6026	Woodvale	(C)	3,286
TOTAL			82,760

C - Central split, S = South split

