



**THE FEDERAL
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Objection 11

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The Augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to lodge an objection against the proposed redistribution for the State of Western Australia.

I would firstly note that I found the overwhelming number of changes, or changes not made were quite reasonable.

Issues

I note that the Commissioners have again failed to adopt more women's names in naming Federal Divisions. When an appropriate opportunity arises, I would (again) suggest the name of Mary Holman the first Labor Party woman MP anywhere in Australia and a representative in Western Australia.

Other Changes

I raise no objections to the proposed boundaries of the various Divisions, with two exceptions Cowan and Perth.

By way of general comments, I note that some nips and tucks were necessary to ensure compliance with projected tolerance, for example with a small portion of Brand transferred to Canning to ensure it remained within tolerance.

The abolition of Stirling was not my preferred solution as whilst a Division needed to disappear, the abolition of a newer Division like Cowan would enable changes that would consolidate the city of Stirling as the substantial core of a Division (of whatever name) but having chosen to split the City in a more dramatic way into Curtin, Moore, Cowan and Perth, this large city has lost some voice.

I note that the commissioners were not of a mind to reverse changes made in the previous redistribution to the northern Perth Divisions which would have allowed for different solutions.

Cowan and Perth

The commissioners noted that some 299,927 electors were transferred to another Division or 17.83% of electors. Whilst electors in the former Division of Stirling will be transferred, this total could have been reduced and I cite some solutions in Cowan and Perth.

Cowan as proposed has 118,704 electors and 119,491 projected electors, and Perth 116,242 electors and 118,025 projected electors. Not transferring 15,221 (15,010) electors in Morley Noranda from Perth to Cowan would reduce state-wide transfers of electors by the same amount.

My modified enrolment figures are only different by a net 500 or so electors, which I estimate to be for Cowan 119,205 (119,984) and Perth 115,741 (118,025).

I have attached two maps which clearly show my objection and my proposed solution. The benefits of my alternative boundaries are that:

- All existing electors in the Division of Perth remain in the same Division (i.e., Morley Noranda are not removed);
- The suburbs of Beechboro, Lockridge and Kiara that were in Perth are restored and the Reid Highway is used as continuous boundary as it was until comparatively recently for Perth;
- Fewer electors are moved to new Divisions as a result of these changes;
- The vast bulk of the City of Stirling will lie in Cowan, and a comparatively small portion in Perth as now plus a small additional component east of Light Street and south of Morley Drive;
- All of the City of Bayswater will be included in the one Division of Perth rather than be split as proposed between Perth and Cowan;
- The proposed boundaries rely to a greater degree on local government boundaries, Stirling, Bayswater, in addition to Bassendean, Perth;
- Cowan will be a more compact Division than now;
- Both Divisions remain well within tolerance; and
- The community of interest in both Divisions is sound.

Conclusion

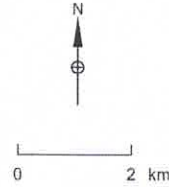
I wish the commissioners well in their further deliberations.

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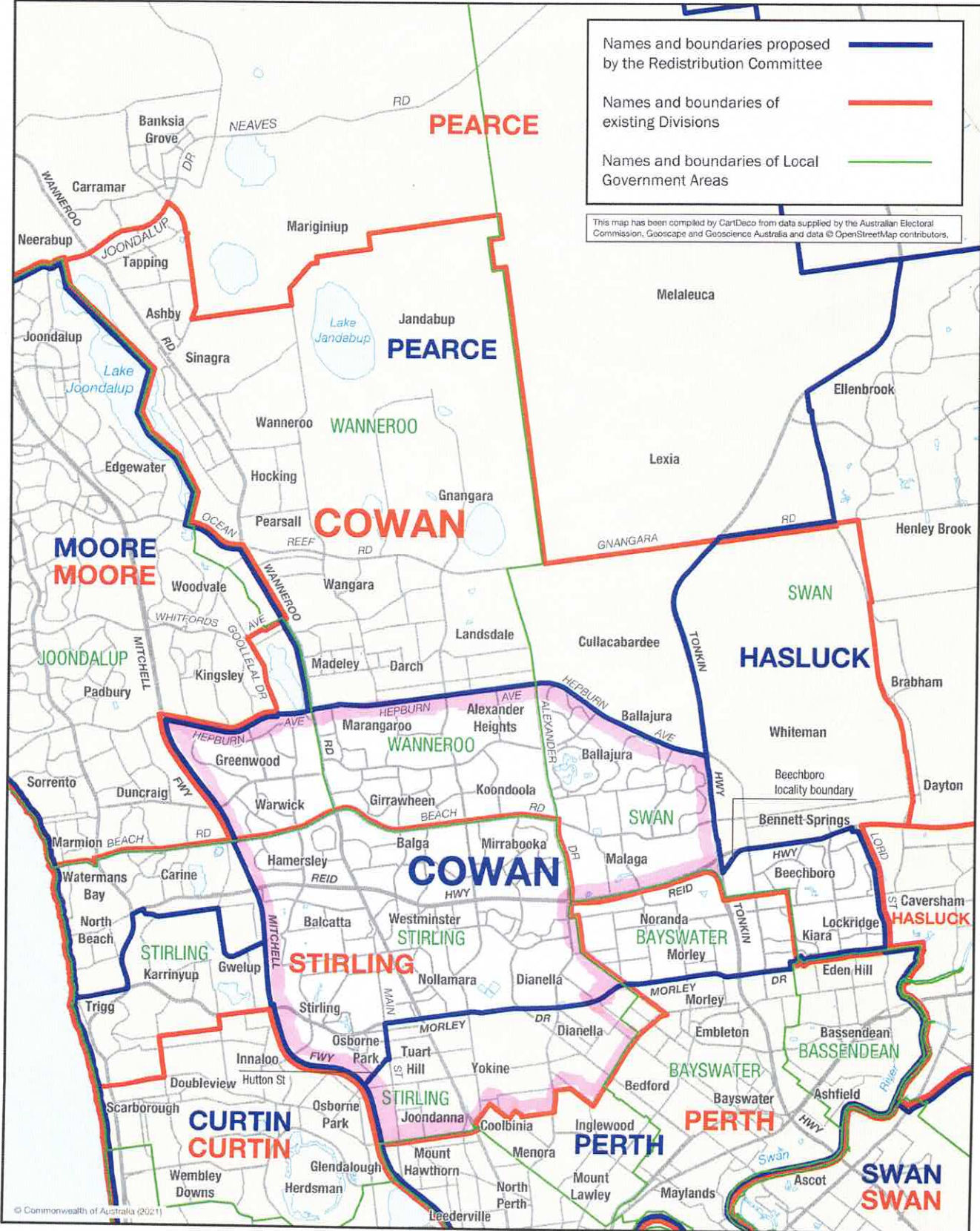


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**MAP OF PROPOSED
 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF
 COWAN**



Names and boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee	
Names and boundaries of existing Divisions	
Names and boundaries of Local Government Areas	

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