



# Objection 23

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Federal Member for Burt

Redistribution Committee for Western Australia  
via online portal

Dear Redistribution Committee Members,

## **OBJECTION TO EXCLUSION OF BALANCE OF ARMADALE FROM DRAFT DIVISION OF BURT**

I write to object to an anomaly which has existed since the creation of the Division of Burt in 2016 and that has been retained in the Committee's proposed boundaries for Burt during the current Western Australian redistribution process.

Specifically, for reasons which are unclear, it was previously determined that one portion of the suburb of Armadale not be included in the Division of Burt, being that portion of Armadale to the south-east of the intersection of Albany Highway and South West Highway. This portion of the suburb of Armadale is made up of only three lots, all of which are commercial, and contains zero electors (this has always been the case and is not projected to change).

While it may have been thought that using the easily identifiable roads of Albany Highway and South West Highway may have presented an easier to understand boundary between the divisions of Burt and Canning, than the extant suburb boundary between Armadale and Mount Richon where it varies from South West Highway, such clarity is not required as there are no electors assisted.

However, and very importantly from a community of interest point of view, **this portion of Armadale which is proposed to fall within Canning but should really fall within Burt, contains the Ye Olde Narrogin Inne**, the primary and very well recognised hotel, bar and bottle shop for Burt residents in and around Armadale established in 1857, as well as the significant landmark and tourist attraction associated with Armadale, **Pioneer Village** and its **Pioneer Village Primary School**.

Indeed, so linked to the City of Armadale and the Armadale strategic regional centre is the Ye Olde Narrogin Inne, that Narrogin was the initially proposed name for Armadale, being name of the permanent brook running through the heart of Armadale and forming Minnowarra Lake.

On this basis and given that no electors are affected by such change, I object to the current proposal and seek its amendment so that the entire suburb of Armadale, including the Ye Olde Narrogin Inne is included within the Division of Burt.

Yours faithfully,

**MATT KEOGH MP**

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