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Dear Committee Members,

**Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) – Suggestions to the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia**

The Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) welcomes the opportunity to make a suggestion to the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia for the current Western Australian Federal Redistribution.

Please find enclosed the written submission of the Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division), which includes our suggestion in detail, as well as maps for each proposed Western Australian Commonwealth Electoral Division.

The Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) is able to provide additional information and make further submissions should the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia consider it necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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# **2020-21 REDISTRIBUTION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**



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## **LIBERAL PARTY SUBMISSION: REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 2020**

The Liberal Party (WA Division) appreciates the difficulties inherent in the abolition of an electoral division consequent upon the distribution of Western Australia into 15 from 16 divisions. As this will be the first occasion in which the State of Western Australia has suffered a reduction in its federal representation, there are no firm local precedents for this distribution.

Currently of 16 WA divisions, three are entirely regional and rural, 11 are wholly contained in the Metropolitan area, and two (*Canning and Pearce*) overlap the Metropolitan boundary. The projected enrolment figures show that there are more than sufficient non-metropolitan electors to maintain the current divisions of Durack, O'Connor and Forrest. At least one of the overlapping divisions however may need to contract to the Metropolitan area.

In a parallel situation with the distribution of South Australian electoral divisions in 2018, the two entirely regional/rural divisions of Grey and Barker were extended towards the metropolitan boundary leaving the divisions of Spence and Mayo to contract wholly or partially into the metropolitan area.

We submit that the divisions of Durack, O'Connor and Forrest can be maintained with sufficient electors to satisfy the projected quota with minimal change.

It is proposed that the six non-metropolitan Local Government Authorities (*LGAs*) in the current division of Pearce be excised so that the divisions of Durack and O'Connor can be brought within quota. O'Connor will also take electors from the divisions of Forrest and Canning. This will transform Pearce into a wholly metropolitan division and leave Canning to combine the City of Mandurah with the southern metropolitan fringe.

The crux of this distribution is to decide which of 13 metropolitan/part metropolitan divisions will lose its identity. The Liberal Party has been drawn to the principle of "last in first off" so that the most recently created division of Burt might be abolished. An examination of projected enrolment figures however casts serious doubt as to whether this would be feasible.

Of these 13 divisions, the five divisions of Fremantle, Tangney, Swan, Perth and Curtin are all geographically anchored to the Swan and lower Canning Rivers, clear boundaries that have not been crossed for decades. Three other divisions, Canning, Brand and Pearce range on the outer extremes of the metropolitan area and have relatively high projected enrolments.

Based on the 2025 enrolments, the six divisions of Canning, Brand, Fremantle, Burt, Tangney and Swan – all south of the Swan River – will have a combined enrolment of 670,550 electors.

- The average projected enrolment for these divisions is 111,758: 4.3% below the projected quota of 116,838.
- Four of these six divisions are within quota and between them the below-quota divisions of Tangney and Swan require an additional 25,000 electors.

The remaining seven divisions of Curtin, Stirling, Moore, Perth, Cowan, Hasluck and Pearce have a combined projected enrolment of 770,818 that reduces to 748,239 when the six rural LGAs of Pearce are excised.

- This gives an average enrolment of 106,891 for these divisions, 8.5% below quota.
- Only Pearce would be in quota with a projected enrolment of 119,912 (down from 142,491).
- The other six divisions are all below quota with a combined deficit of 46,000 electors.

Of these divisions the most central is Cowan, which shares a border with five other divisions. We therefore recommend that it be abolished.

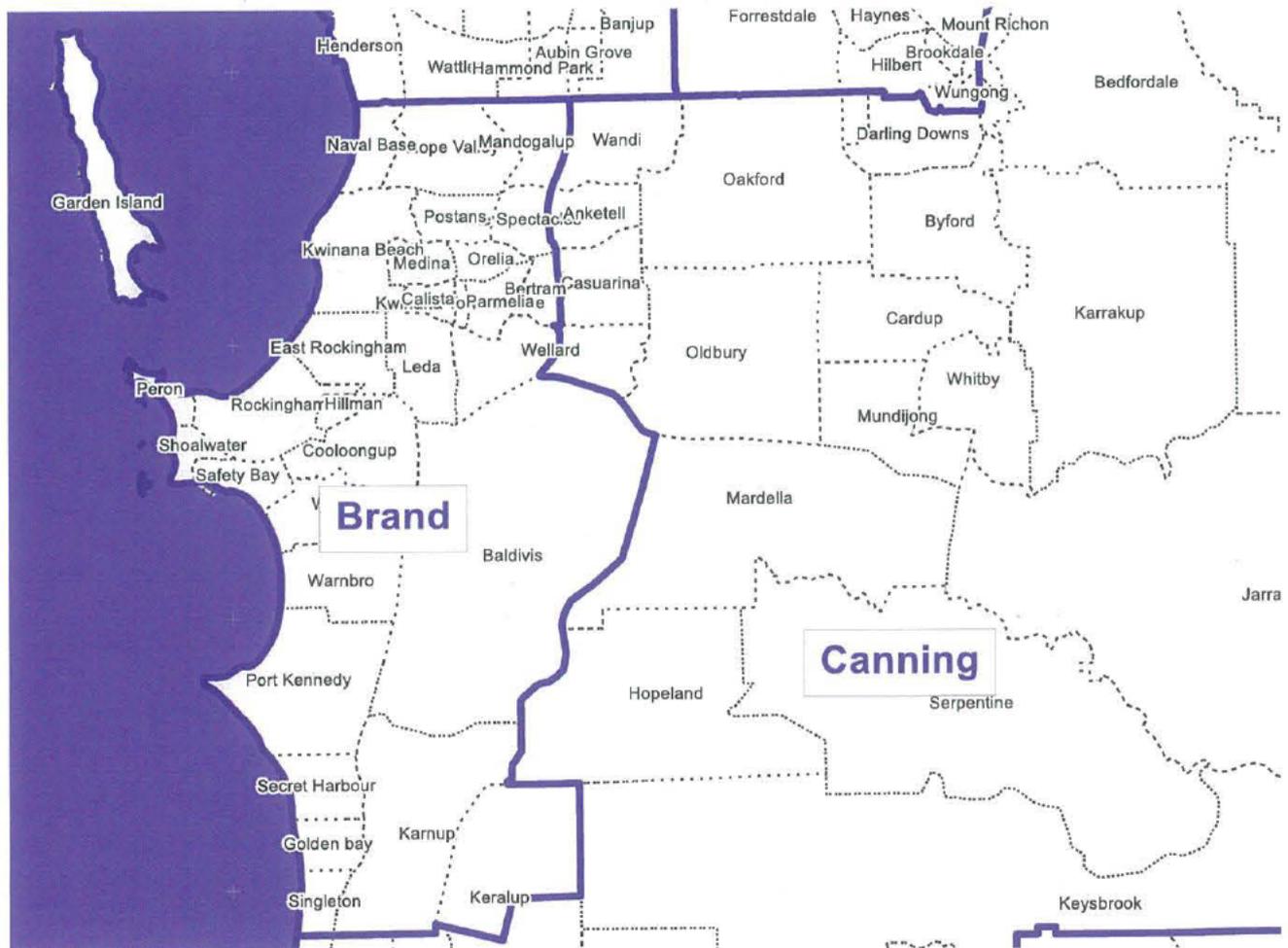
Here follows our proposals for the boundaries of 15 Western Australian electoral divisions. Calculations have been made on the basis of the SA2 and SA1 projected enrolment figures as supplied by the Australian Electoral Commission, with reference to the maps supplied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

## BRAND

With a projected enrolment of 119,561 this division is within quota.

- The only change proposed is the excision of the Casuarina-Wandi SA2, less SA1 5126109 lying west of the Kwinana Freeway, with 5638 electors, be transferred to the division of Canning.
- This minor change to the Casuarina-Wandi SA2 enables the Freeway to form the eastern boundary of Brand down to Millar Road.

The projected enrolment for the division of Brand will be 113,923.



## BURT

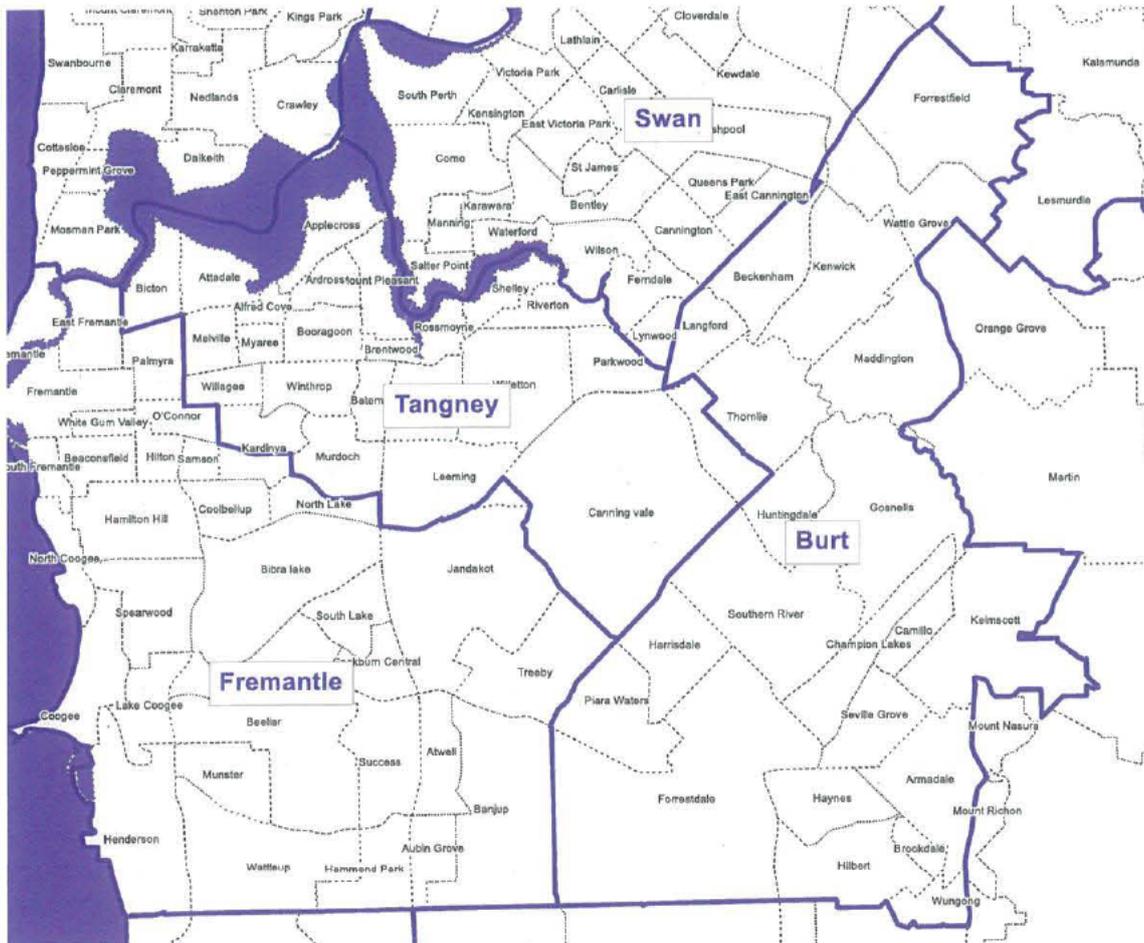
This division has a projected enrolment of 116,511 but must surrender electors to Tangney (*and indirectly to Swan*) and to Canning.

- The three Canning Vale SA2s with a combined projected enrolment of 20,478 electors would be transferred to the division of Tangney.
- The locality of Canning Vale has been included with Tangney in 1998-2001 and again in 2010-16.
- It is also proposed that those 18 SA1s within the adjacent Thornlie SA2 that lie west of Murdoch Drive and Forest Lakes Drive, plus the two SA1s bounded on the east by Yale Road and Cameron Street, be included with Tangney. They have a combined enrolment of 5001 electors.
- The Mount Nasura-Mount Richon-Bedforddale SA2 with a projected 2003 electors would be transferred to the division of Canning. These electors enjoy a community of interest with the remainder of this same SA2 that falls within the current division of Canning.

Having lost a total of 27,482 projected electors it is proposed that Burt recoup a similar number of electors from the division of Hasluck:

- The Hasluck section of the Beckenham-Kenwick-Langford SA2 with 8538 electors.
- The Hasluck section of the Maddington-Orange Grove-Martin SA2 with 7299 electors.
- The Forrestfield-Wattle Grove SA2 with 12,626 electors.

The projected enrolment of the division of Burt will be 117,492.



## CANNING

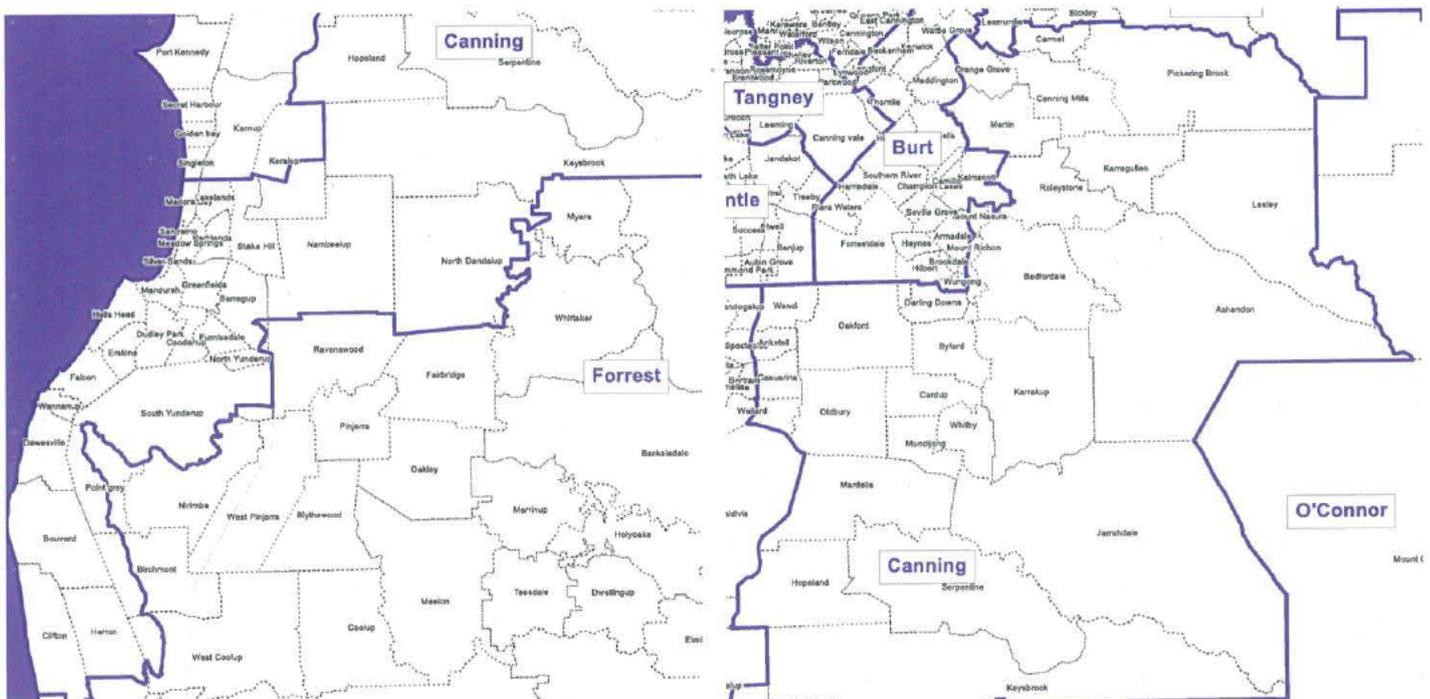
This division has a projected enrolment of 117,835 but must be adjusted to accommodate the expansion of the division of O'Connor with related effects on the division of Forrest.

- That part of the Murray SA2 comprising the Shire of Boddington with 1123 projected electors will be transferred to the division of O'Connor.
- The Shire of Waroona (*Waroona SA2*) with 3045 electors will be transferred to the division of Forrest.
- The remainder of the Murray SA2 (*principally the locality of Dwellingup*) with 493 electors will transfer to Forrest.
- The major part of the Pinjarra SA2 with 5993 electors will transfer to the division of Forrest. The localities of Nambeelup and North Dandalup within this SA2 would remain within Canning (SA1s 5102907, 5102912, and 5102928).
- This maintains a clear link between the City of Mandurah and the East Mandurah SA2 with the remainder of Canning. While the Shire of Murray would be split between Canning and Forrest, the City of Mandurah would remain united within Canning.

Canning would gain the following SA2s as already described:

- 5638 projected electors from the Casuarina-Wandi SA2 within the division of Brand.
- 2003 electors from the Mount Nasura-Mount Richon-Bedforddale SA2 within the current division of Burt.

The projected enrolment for the division of Canning will be 114,852.



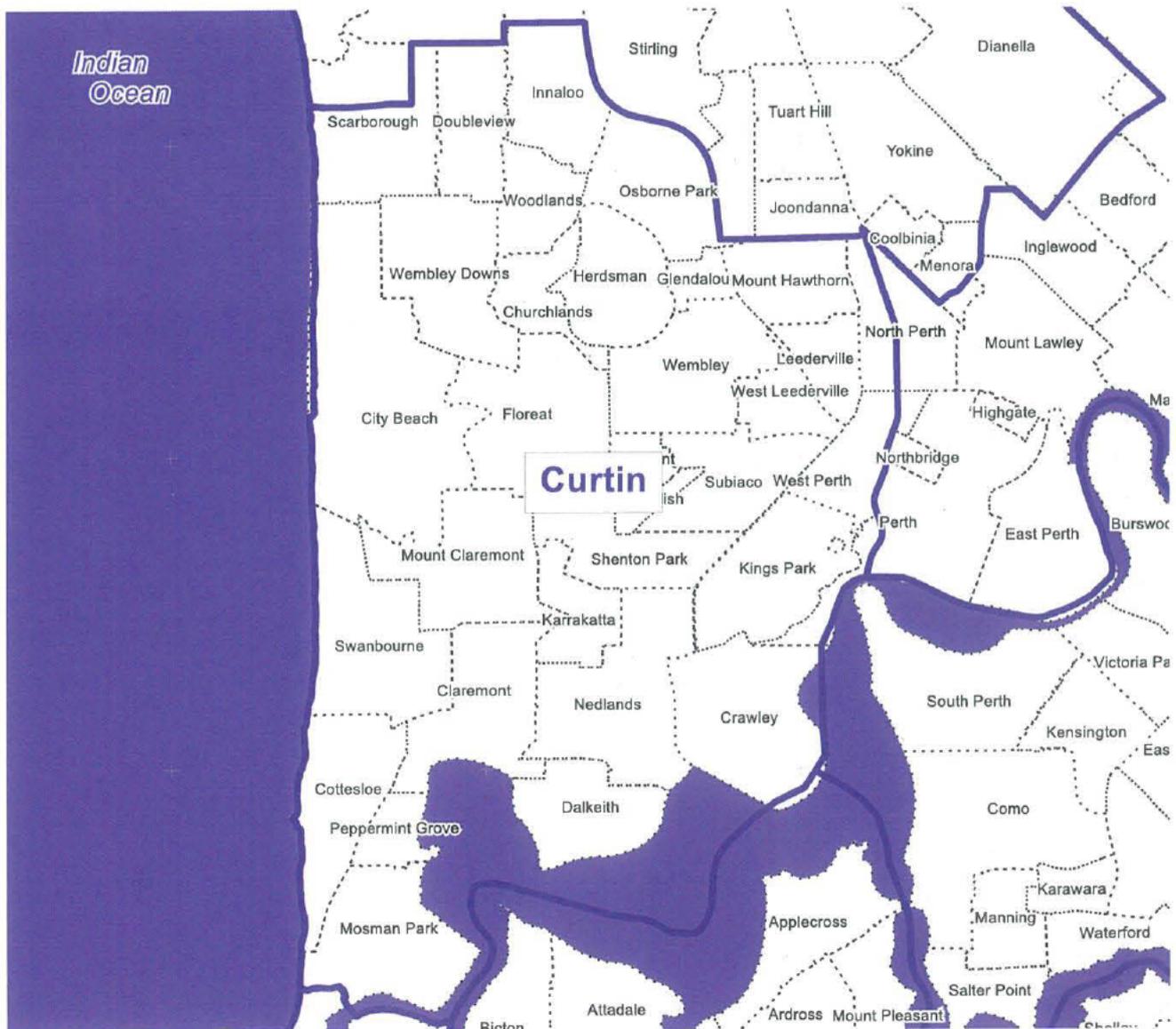
## CURTIN

This division has a projected enrolment of 105,373 electors and needs to expand. It is proposed to revert to the former boundary with the division of Perth that existed from 1990 until 2016. This ran northward along the Mitchell Freeway and Charles Street up to Green Street in Mount Hawthorn.

The following parts of the division of Perth with a total of 13,700 projected electors would be included with Curtin.

- The Mount Hawthorn-Leederville SA2.
- The Kings Park SA2.
- 13 SA1s comprising West Perth electors from the Perth City SA2.
- 7 SA1s from the North Perth SA2 west of Charles Street.

The projected enrolment for the division of Curtin will be 119,073.



## DURACK

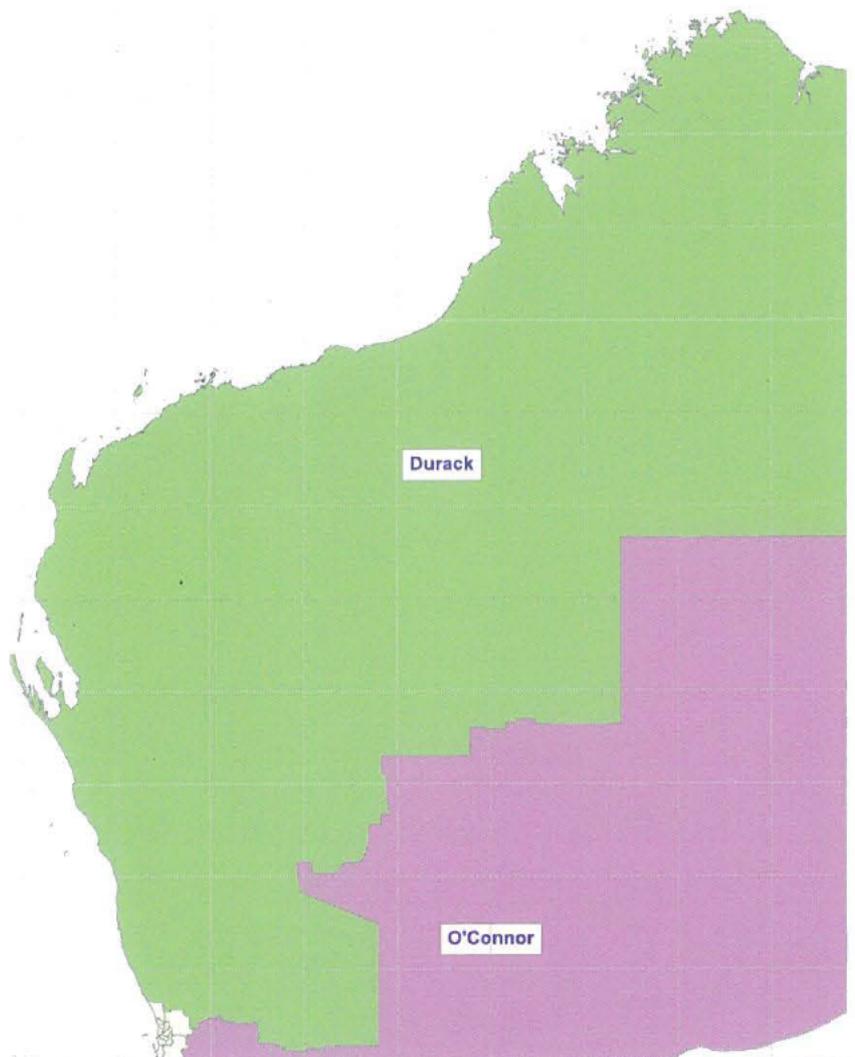
The division of Durack has a projected enrolment of 95,524 and requires some 17-18,000 additional electors.

- As noted earlier, these would logically be supplied from the non-metropolitan section of the current division of Pearce.
- It would slightly extend but not fundamentally change the mix of rural and regional localities within the current division of Durack.
- The rural WA Legislative Assembly district of Moore would be united within the same division, Durack.

The Shires of Gingin, Chittering, Toodyay and Northam with a combined projected enrolment of 18,579 electors would be transferred from Pearce to Durack.

In order to equalise enrolments between the geographically large divisions of Durack and O'Connor, the Shire of Quairading with 631 electors (*part of the Cunderdin SA2*) would be transferred from Durack to O'Connor.

The projected enrolment for the division of Durack would be 113,472.



## FORREST

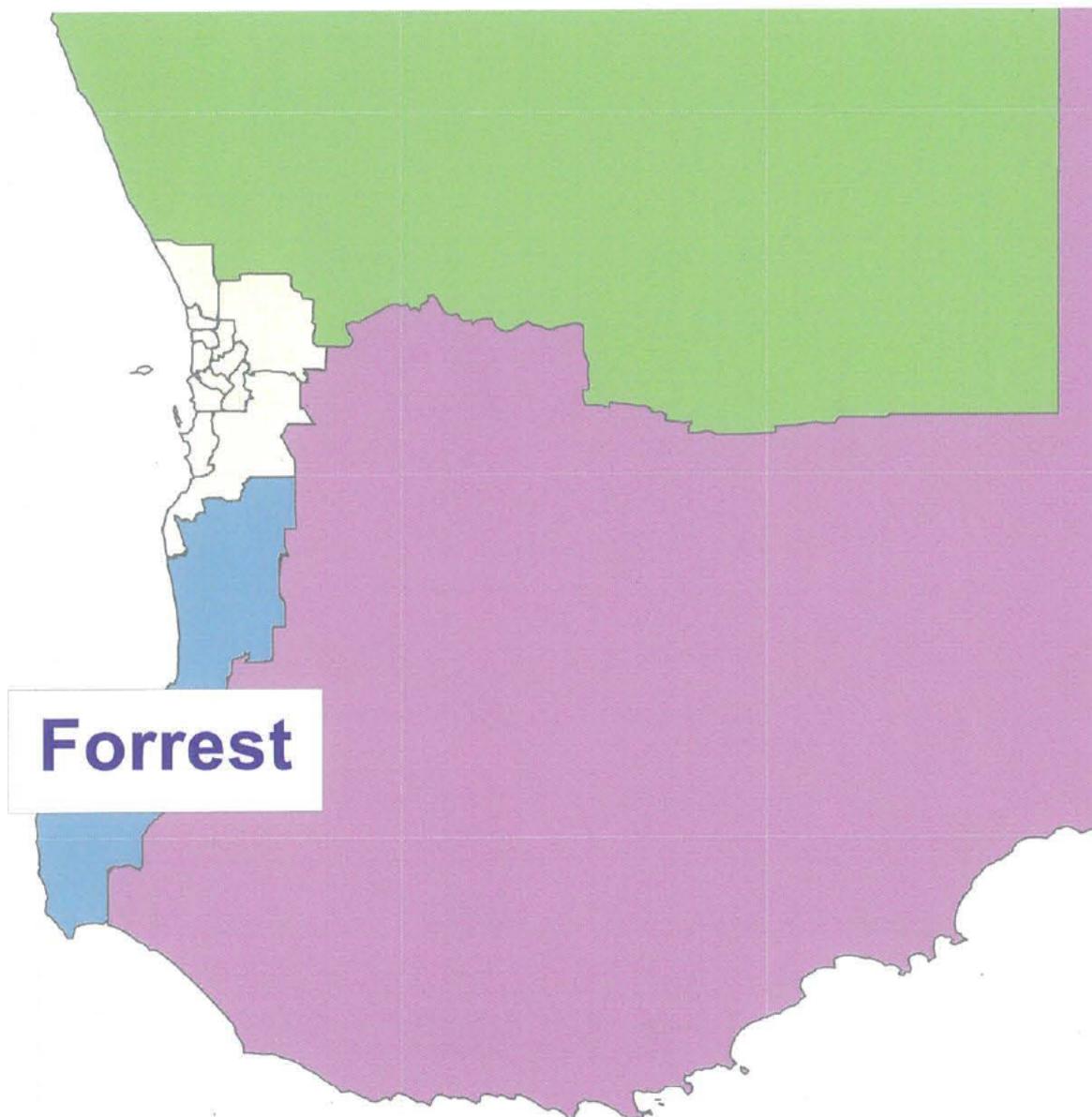
Although Forrest is within the 2025 quota with a projected 113,971 electors it will need to surrender 5545 electors in two Shires on its eastern border to the division of O'Connor:

- The Shire of Nannup (*part of the Pemberton SA2*) with 1043 electors.
- The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (*Donnybrook-Balingup SA2*) with 4502 electors.

As described earlier, Forrest would gain a total of 9531 electors from the current division of Canning as follows:

- 3045 electors comprising the Waroona LGA.
- 6486 electors from the Murray LGA, falling within the Pinjarra and Murray SA2s.

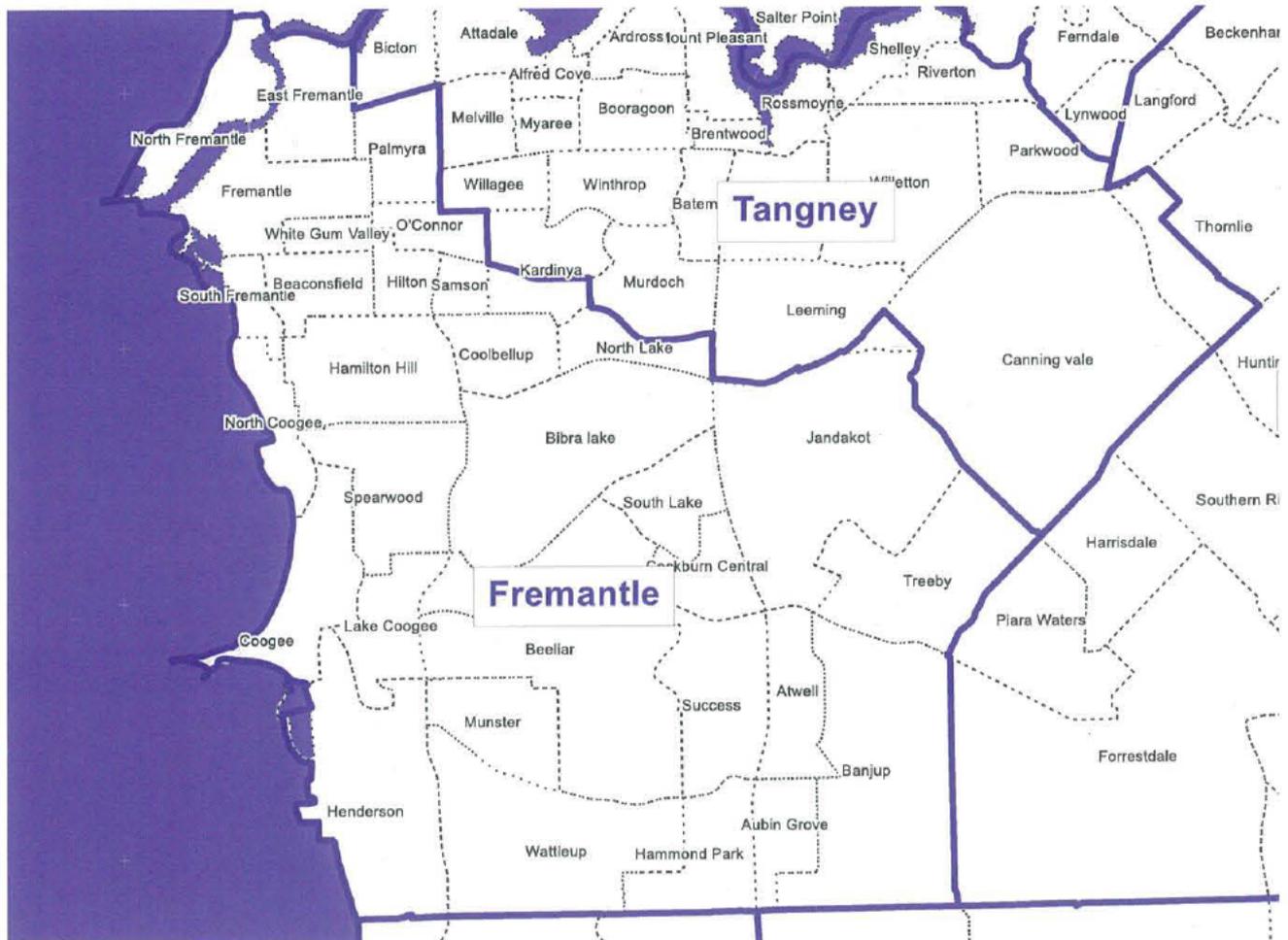
The projected enrolment for the division of Forrest will be 117,957.



## FREMANTLE

With a projected enrolment of 115,628 the division of Fremantle falls comfortably within the projected quota, with no requirement to surrender electors to other divisions.

No changes to the boundaries of Fremantle are therefore proposed.



## HASLUCK

The projected enrolment is 103,715 and it is proposed to transfer a total of 28,463 projected electors in the localities of Beckenham, Kenwick, Maddington, Wattle Grove and Forrestfield to the division of Burt.

In order to increase the enrolment of the division of Swan it is proposed that 5695 electors be transferred from Hasluck:

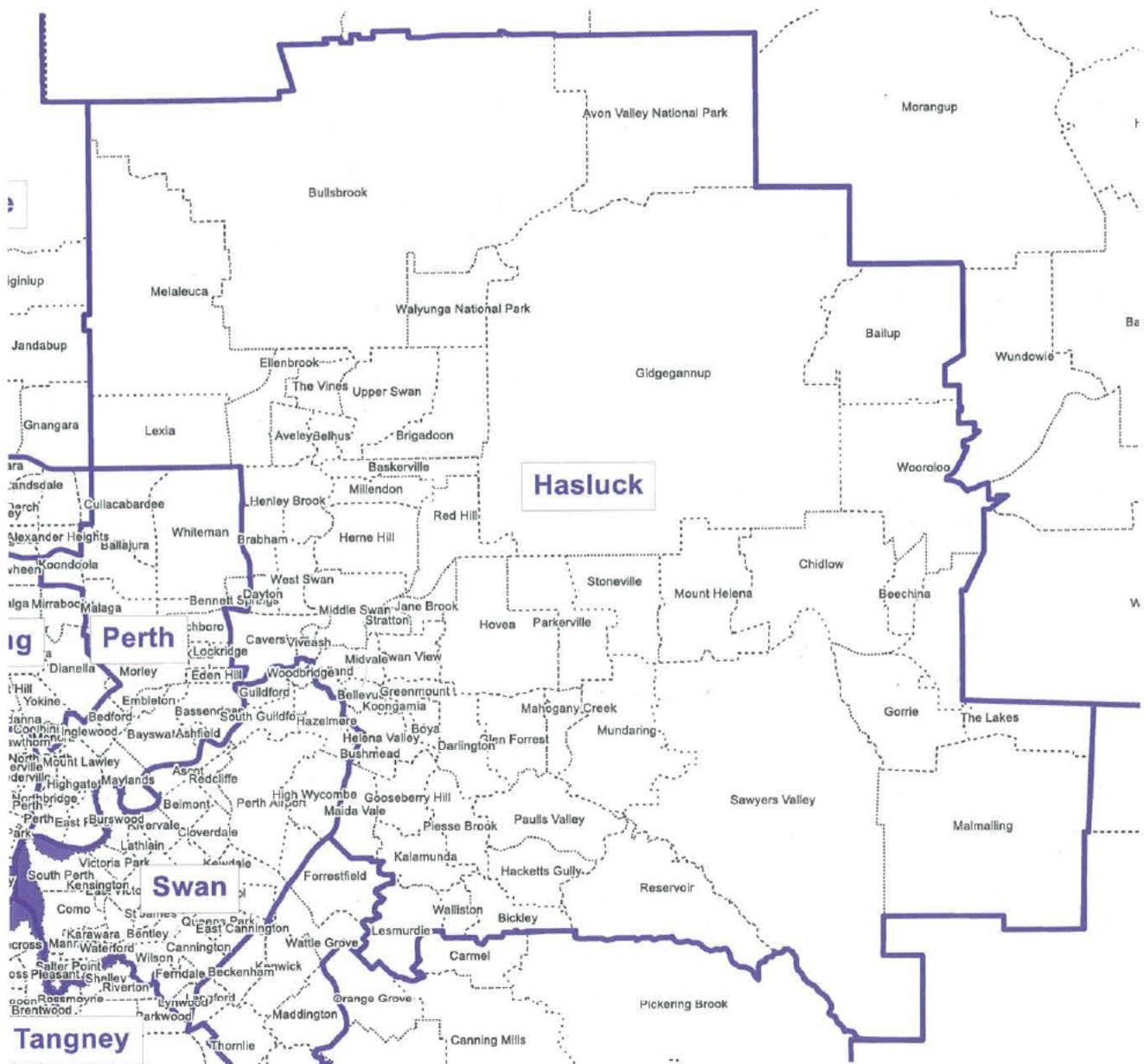
- The Hazelmere-Guildford SA2 with 3537 electors, adjacent to the locality of High Wycombe currently within the division of Swan – with one minor adjustment that SA1 5046104 be split so that Roe Highway can form the boundary between Swan and Hasluck. It appears that this eastern section of this SA1 covering both residential and industrial sites does not contain electors.

- Part of the Midland-Guildford SA2 comprising the localities of Guildford and Woodbridge, 7 SA1s with 2158 electors.

To bring Hasluck within quota it is proposed to continue the northward movement of this division initiated in the last distribution of West Australian divisions, which gave Hasluck a more outer suburban character. Accordingly, those parts of the division of Pearce within the City of Swan – notably Ellenbrook, Bullsbrook and the Swan Valley – will be transferred to Hasluck.

- The Middle Swan-Herne Hill SA2 with 1531 electors.
- The Beechboro SA2 (*within Pearce*) with 3741 electors.
- The SA2 of The Vines with 8722 electors.
- The Ellenbrook SA2 with 29,644 electors.
- The Bullsbrook SA2 with 4019 electors.

The projected enrolment for the division of Hasluck will be 117,214.



## MOORE

This division has a projected enrolment of 104,031 and it is proposed that it gain additional electors from the current division of Cowan, as follows:

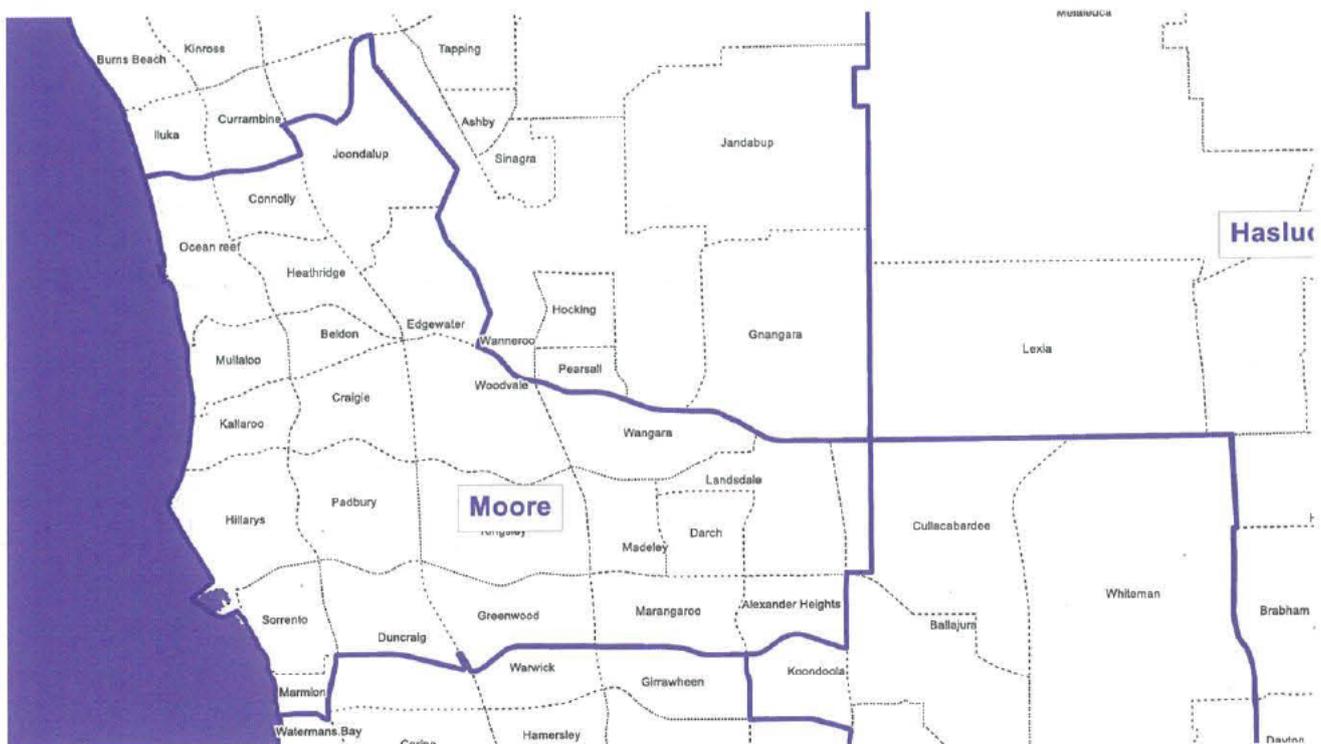
- The remainder of the Kingsley SA2 with 763 electors.
- The locality of Greenwood from the Greenwood-Warwick SA2 with 7187 electors.
- The Marangaroo SA2 with 7203 electors.
- The locality of Alexander Heights from the Alexander Heights-Koondoola SA2 with 5558 electors.
- The Madeley-Darch-Landsdale SA2 with 20,462 electors.

In order to equalise enrolments it is proposed that the section of the Duncraig SA2 lying south of Warwick Road (*a strongly identified boundary*) be transferred to the division of Stirling. It contains 4522 projected electors.

A total of 20,442 projected electors would be transferred to the division of Pearce.

- The Iluka-Burns Beach SA2 with 7351 electors, and the Currambine-Kinross SA2 with 9653 electors, would be transferred to Pearce.
- In addition the 13 SA1s forming the northern section of the Joondalup-Edgewater SA2 would also be transferred to Pearce. This discrete, older section of the locality of Joondalup contains 3438 electors. The two distinct sections of this locality were also in different electorates at the 2017 Western Australian state election.
- The boundary between Moore and Pearce would run eastward along Shenton Avenue, northward up the Mitchell Freeway to Moore Drive, then eastward along Moore and Joondalup Drives to Lake Joondalup.

The projected enrolment for the division of Moore will be 120,242.



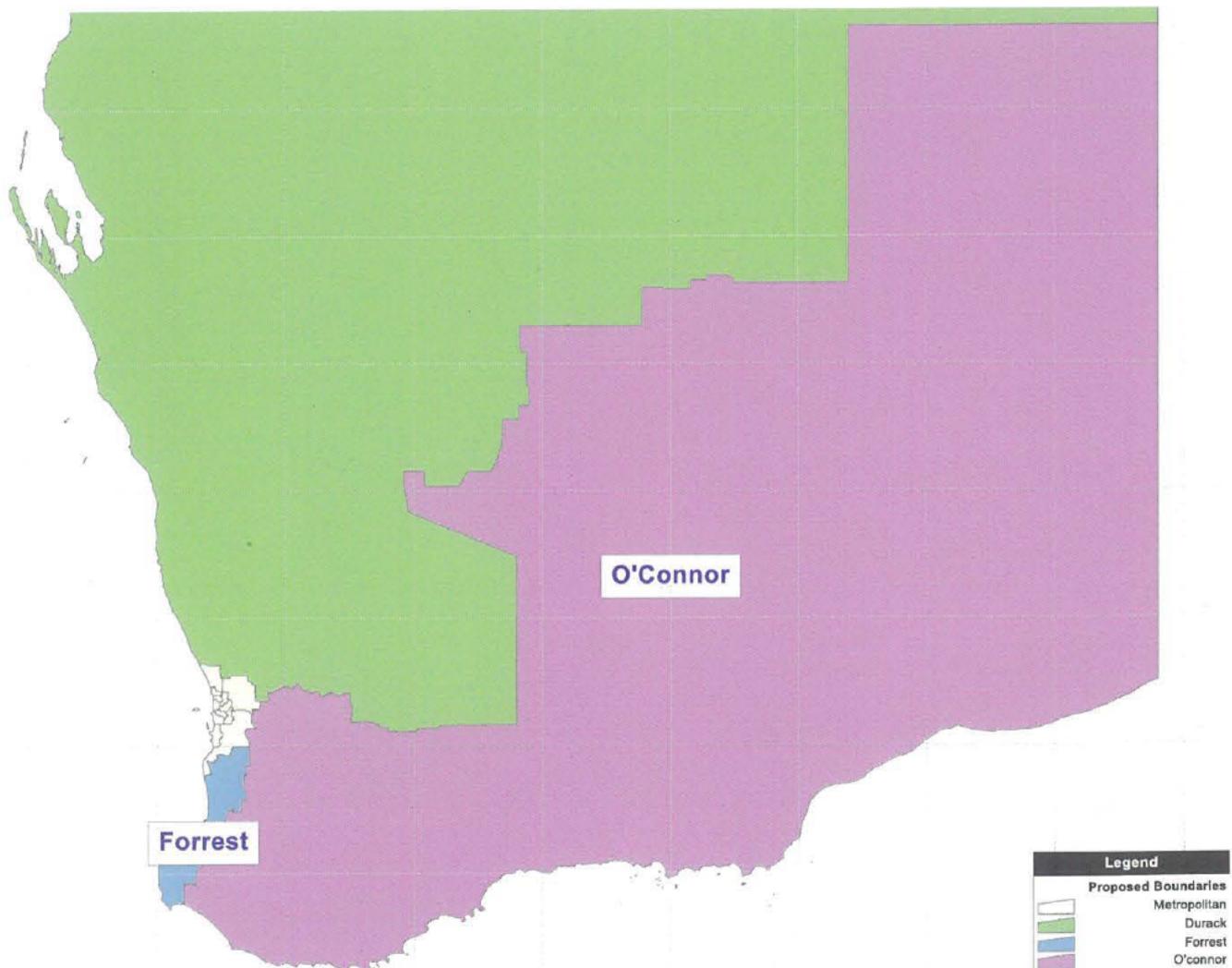
## O'CONNOR

With a projected enrolment of 101,703 it is proposed to bring this division into quota through incremental gains from the current divisions of Pearce, Durack, Canning and Forrest. All six additional LGAs are rural/regional in character.

- The Shires of Nannup and Donnybrook-Balingup from the current division of Forrest, with 5545 electors.
- The Shire of Boddington with 1123 electors from the current division of Canning.
- The York-Beverley SA2 with 4000 electors in these two Shires from the current division of Pearce.
- The adjacent Shire of Quairading with 631 electors from the division of Durack.

The current Durack/O'Connor boundary reflects the realities of communications and community of interest and should not be subject to more sweeping changes. Moreover it is appropriate that the two geographically largest divisions should have slightly lower projected enrolments.

- The projected enrolment for the division of O'Connor will be 113,002.



## PEARCE

This division presently containing two major urban growth areas in northern Wanneroo and Ellenbrook, has a projected enrolment of 142,491 and needs to lose some 22,000 electors to come within quota.

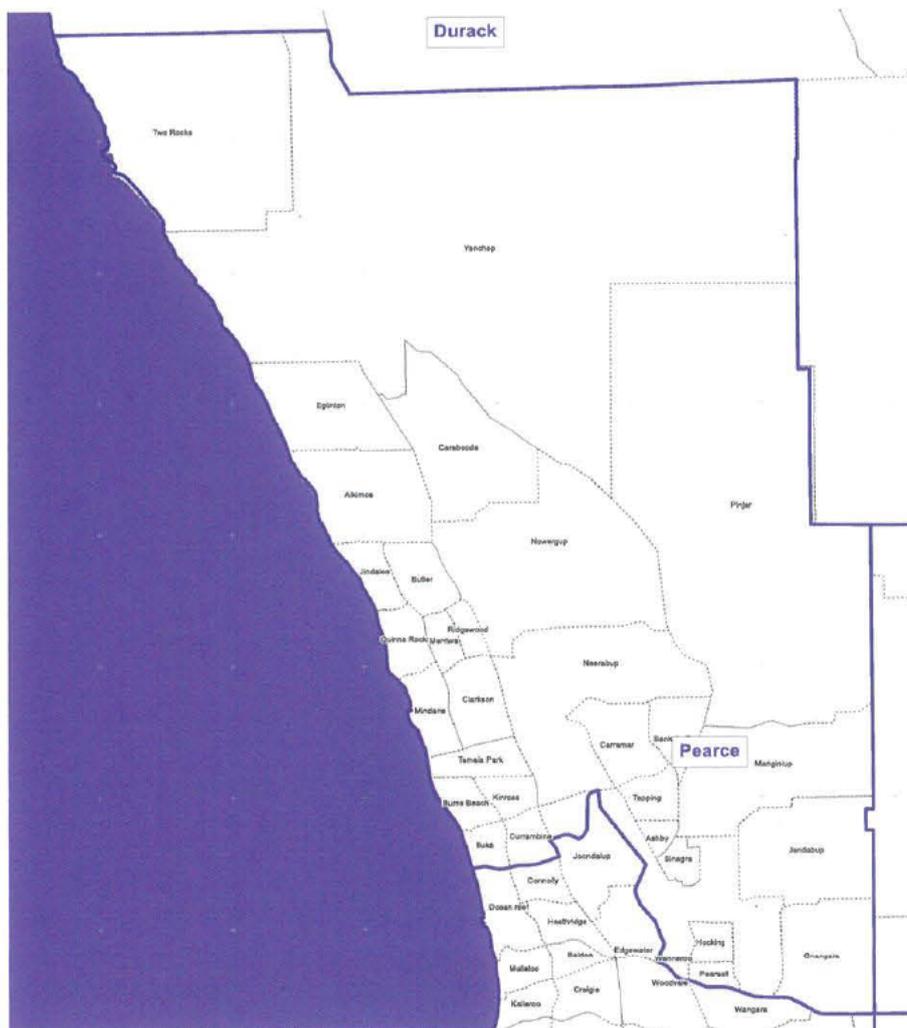
- As outlined earlier, 22,579 electors in the six Shires of Gingin, Chittering, Toodyay, Northam, York and Beverley will be transferred to the divisions of Durack and O'Connor.
- A further 47,657 electors in the City of Swan will be transferred to the division of Hasluck.

As described, 20,442 electors in the localities of Iluka, Burns Beach, Kinross, Currambine, and northern Joondalup would be transferred from the division of Moore.

A further 26,889 electors would be absorbed from the current division of Cowan.

- The Tapping-Ashby-Sinagra SA2 with 8133 projected electors.
- The Wanneroo SA2 with 18,756 electors.
- This boundary between Pearce and Moore would run eastward along Ocean Reef Road and Gngangara Road.

The projected enrolment for the division of Pearce will be 119,586.



## PERTH

This division with a projected enrolment of 106,518 has since 1984 extended north-easterly from the CBD, as far as Midvale and Hazelmere in 1990-98 and including Lockridge and Beechboro consistently until 2016. It is proposed to resume this well-established orientation.

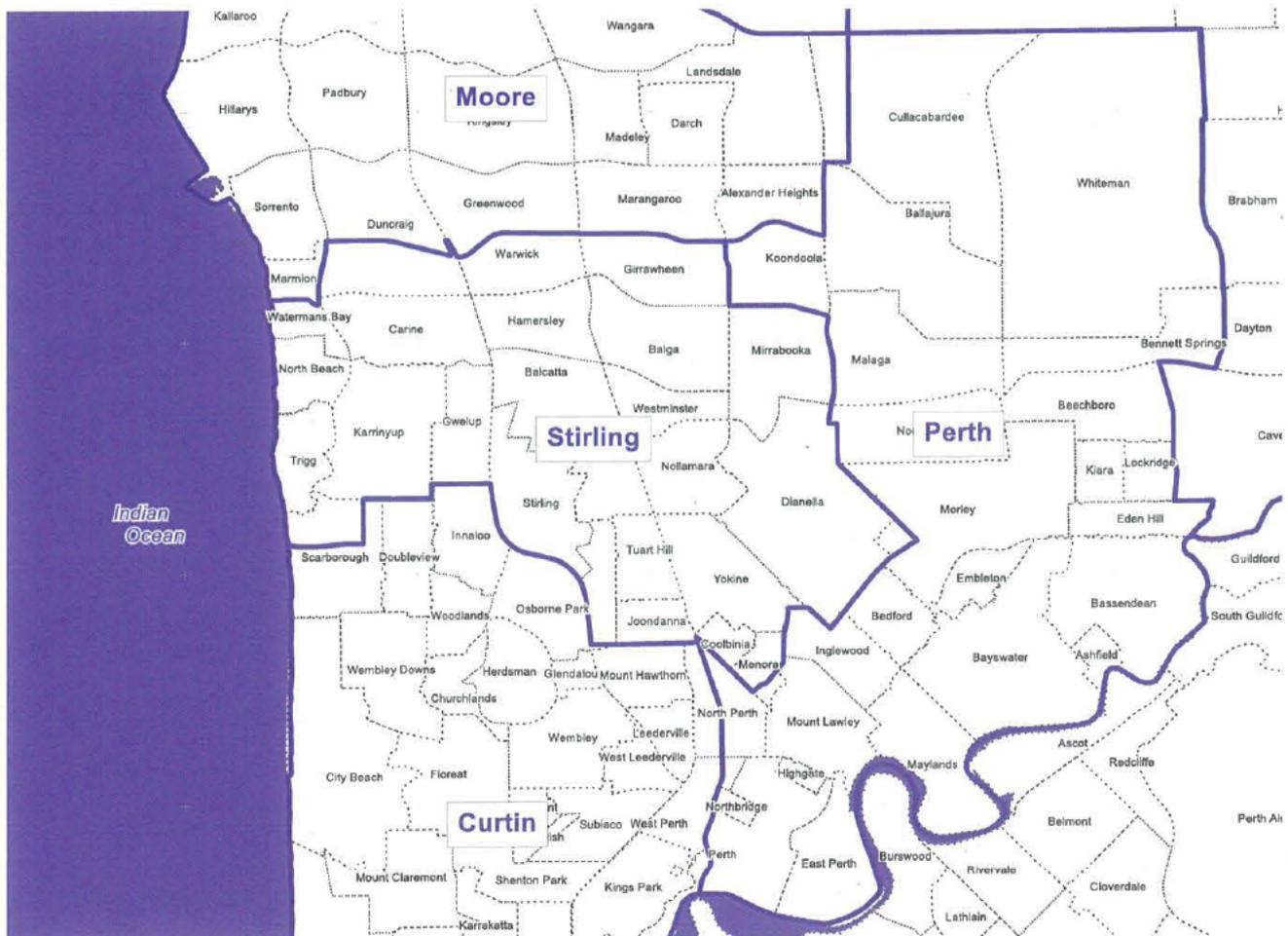
As noted, Perth would lose 13,700 electors to Curtin from the Mount Hawthorn/Leederville, Perth and North Perth SA2s.

- It is also proposed that the major part of the Yokine-Coolbinia-Menora SA2 be returned to the division of Stirling, having previously been included in this division in 2010-16.
- The SA1 5109706 that lies east of Alexander Drive would however remain in the division of Perth to re-establish Alexander Drive as a definitive boundary.
- There are 2893 electors that would be transferred to the division of Stirling.

Perth would gain 28,070 projected electors from the current division of Cowan.

- The Lockridge-Kiara SA2 (*in Perth before 2016*) with 3363 electors.
- The Beechboro SA2 (*in Perth before 2016*) with 9334 electors.
- The Malaga and Ballajura SA2s with 12,999 electors
- The locality of Koondoola from Alexander Heights-Koondoola SA2 with 2374 electors.

The projected enrolment for the division of Perth will be 117,995.

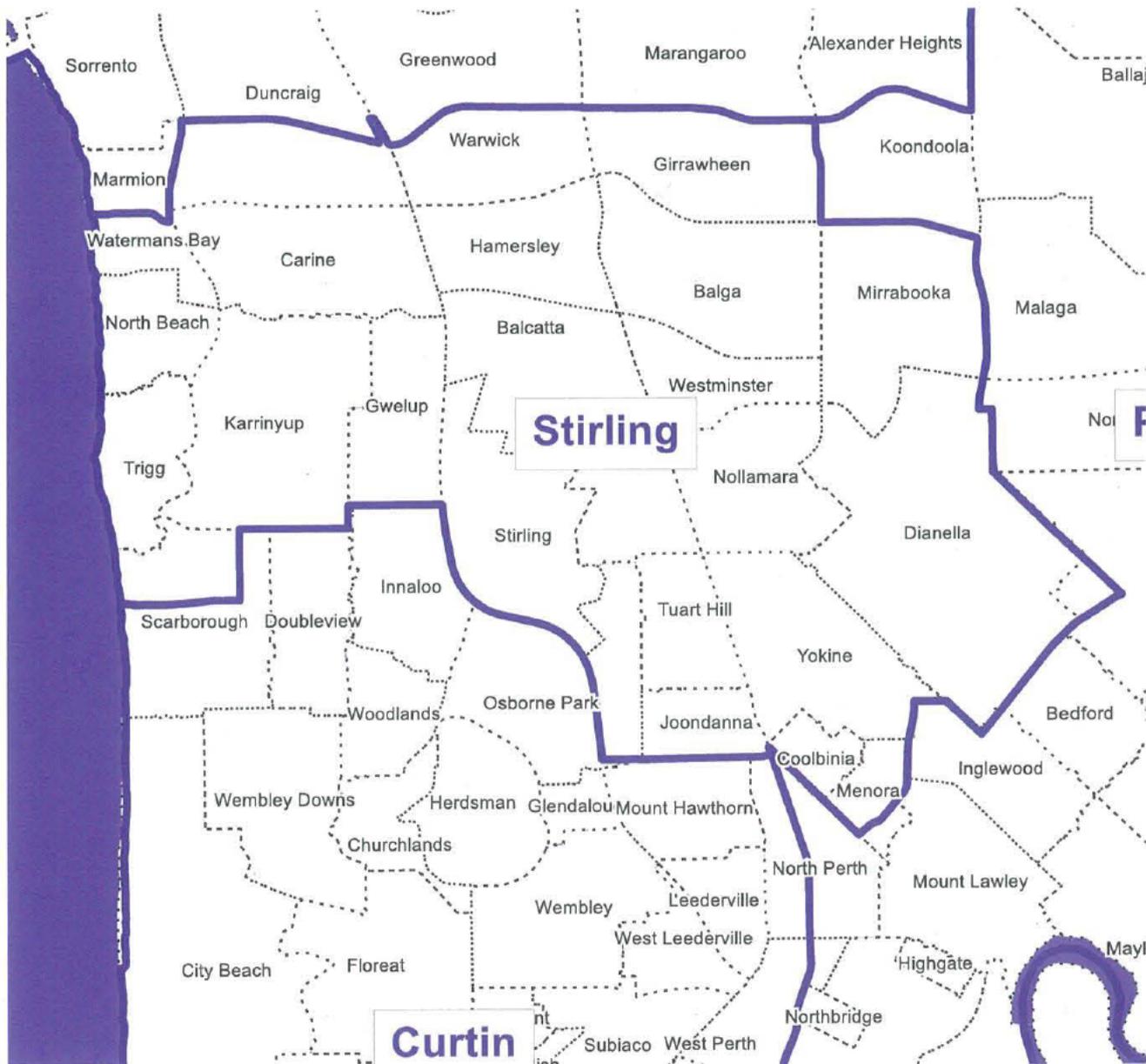


## STIRLING

With a projected enrolment of 104,440 it is proposed to bring this division within quota through incremental additions from the adjacent divisions of Moore, Cowan and Perth.

- The Yokine-Coolbinia-Menora SA2 with 2893 electors transferred from the division of Perth.
- The southern section of the Duncraig SA2 (*south of Warwick Road*) with 4522 electors transferred from the division of Moore.
- The locality of Warwick (*from the Greenwood-Warwick SA2*) with 2560 electors transferred from the division of Cowan.
- The Girrawheen SA2 with 5394 electors transferred from the division of Cowan.

The projected enrolment for the division of Stirling is 120,230.

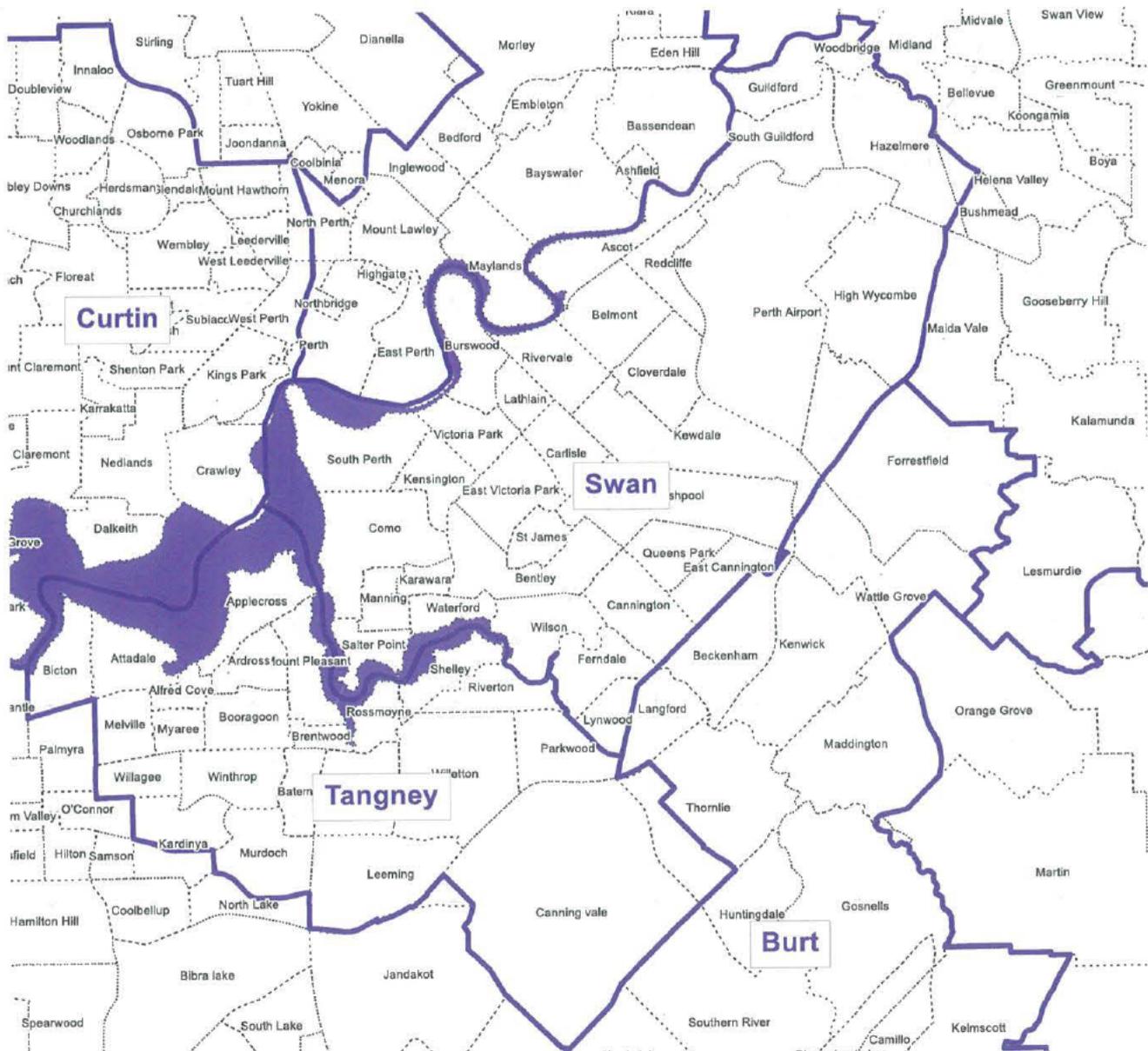


## SWAN

This Federation division has been bounded by the Swan and lower Canning Rivers since 1984, providing clear natural boundaries. It has a projected enrolment of 105,211 and it is proposed to bring the division of Swan within quota by incremental additions from Hasluck and Tangney.

- As described earlier, 5695 electors from the localities of Hazelmere, South Guildford, Guildford and Woodbridge, comprising the Hazelmere-Guildford SA2 and part of the Midland-Guildford SA2, would be transferred from the division of Hasluck.
- The localities of Lynwood and Ferndale, part of the Parkwood-Ferndale-Lynwood SA2, with 4884 electors, would be transferred from the division of Tangney.
- These localities were within the division of Swan as recently as 2010-16.

The projected enrolment for the division of Swan is 115,790.





## CONCLUSION

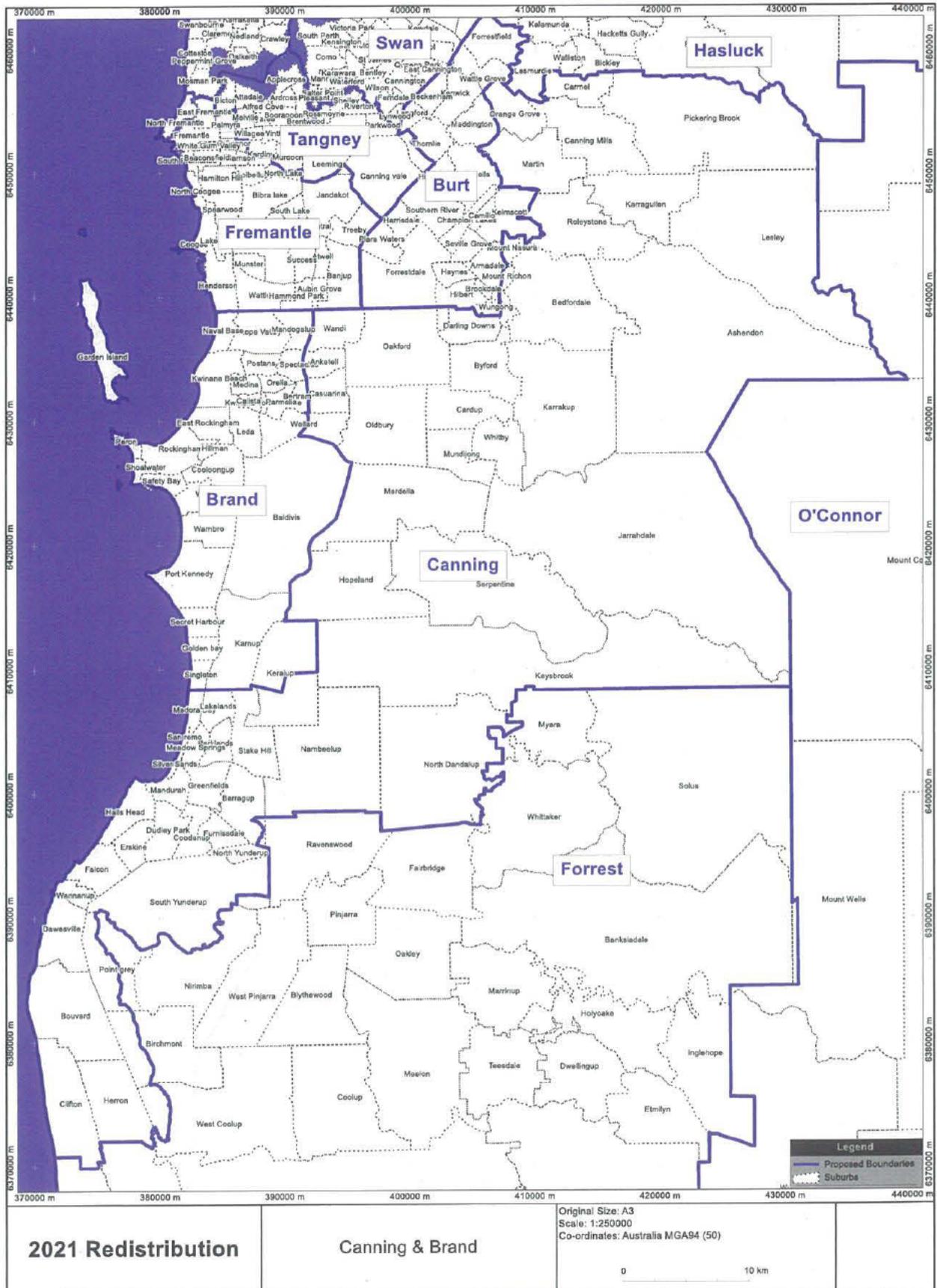
This submission seeks to accommodate a significant change in Western Australian representation without gratuitously extensive changes. The great majority of the State's electors would remain within their current divisions.

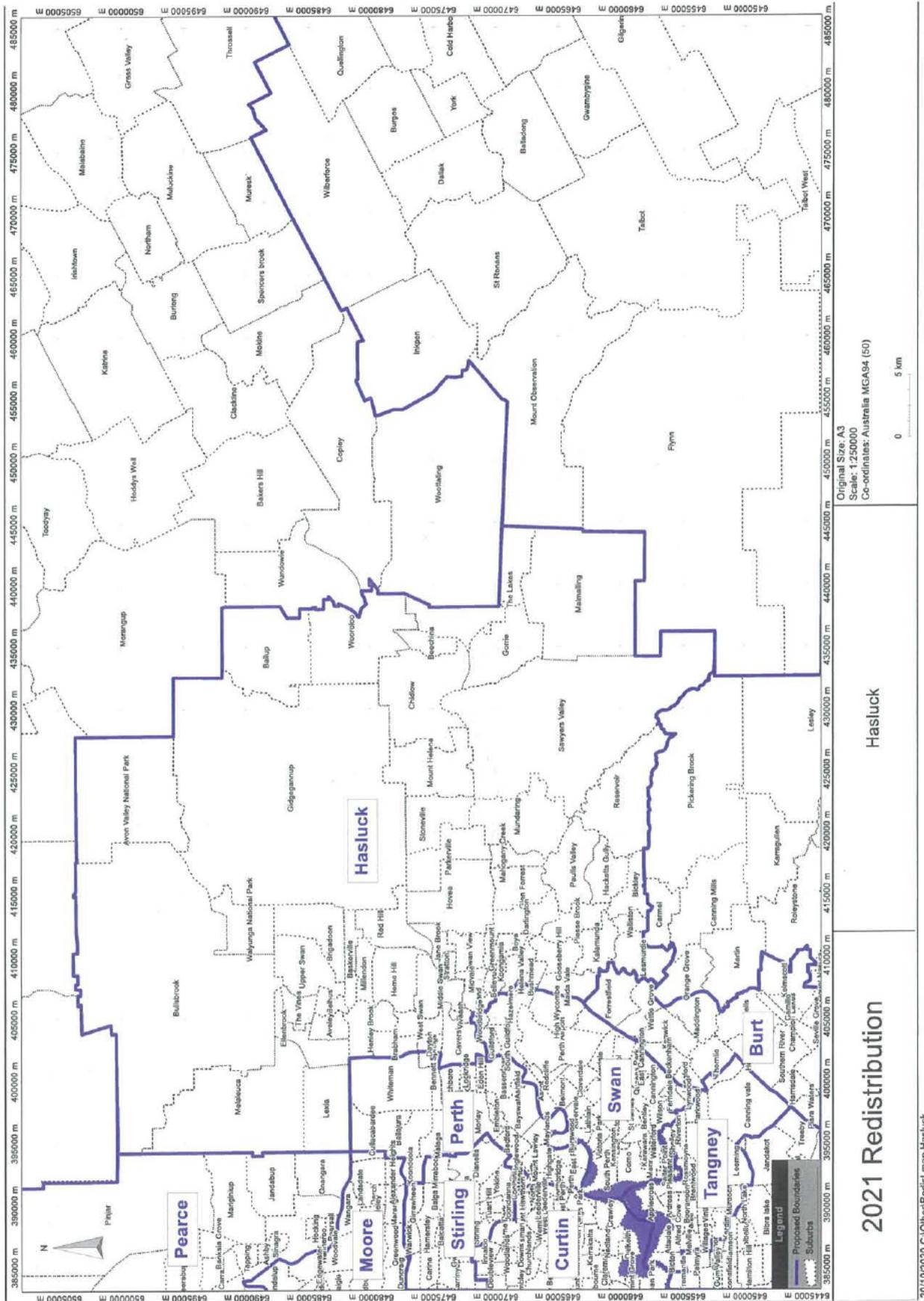
- The divisions of Fremantle, O'Connor, Curtin, Stirling and Swan would not lose any electors from their current boundaries.
- The division of Durack would lose a single LGA with less than 1.0% of its electors.
- The divisions of Forrest, Brand, and Tangney would lose less than 5.0% of their electors.
- The division of Canning would lose 9.0% of its electors.

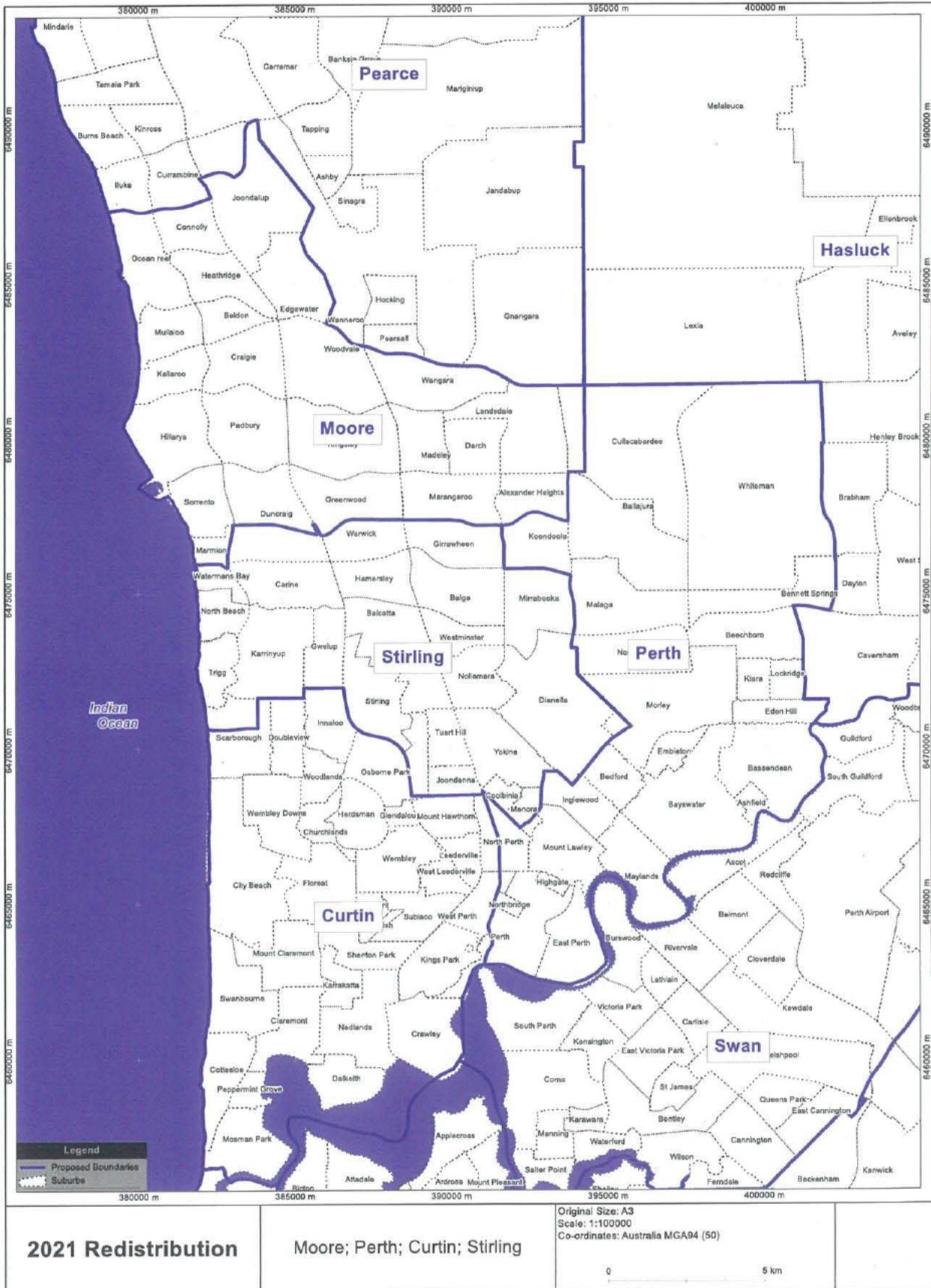
Only six divisions would see major change. Perth would lose 15.6% of its enrolment as projected within its current boundaries, Burt would lose 23.5%, Moore would lose 24.0%, and Hasluck 32.9%. Pearce would lose nearly half its electors and Cowan would of course disappear.

- Altogether just over 17.4% of the 1,752,566 electors as projected in 2025 would find themselves in a different electoral division under this proposal.

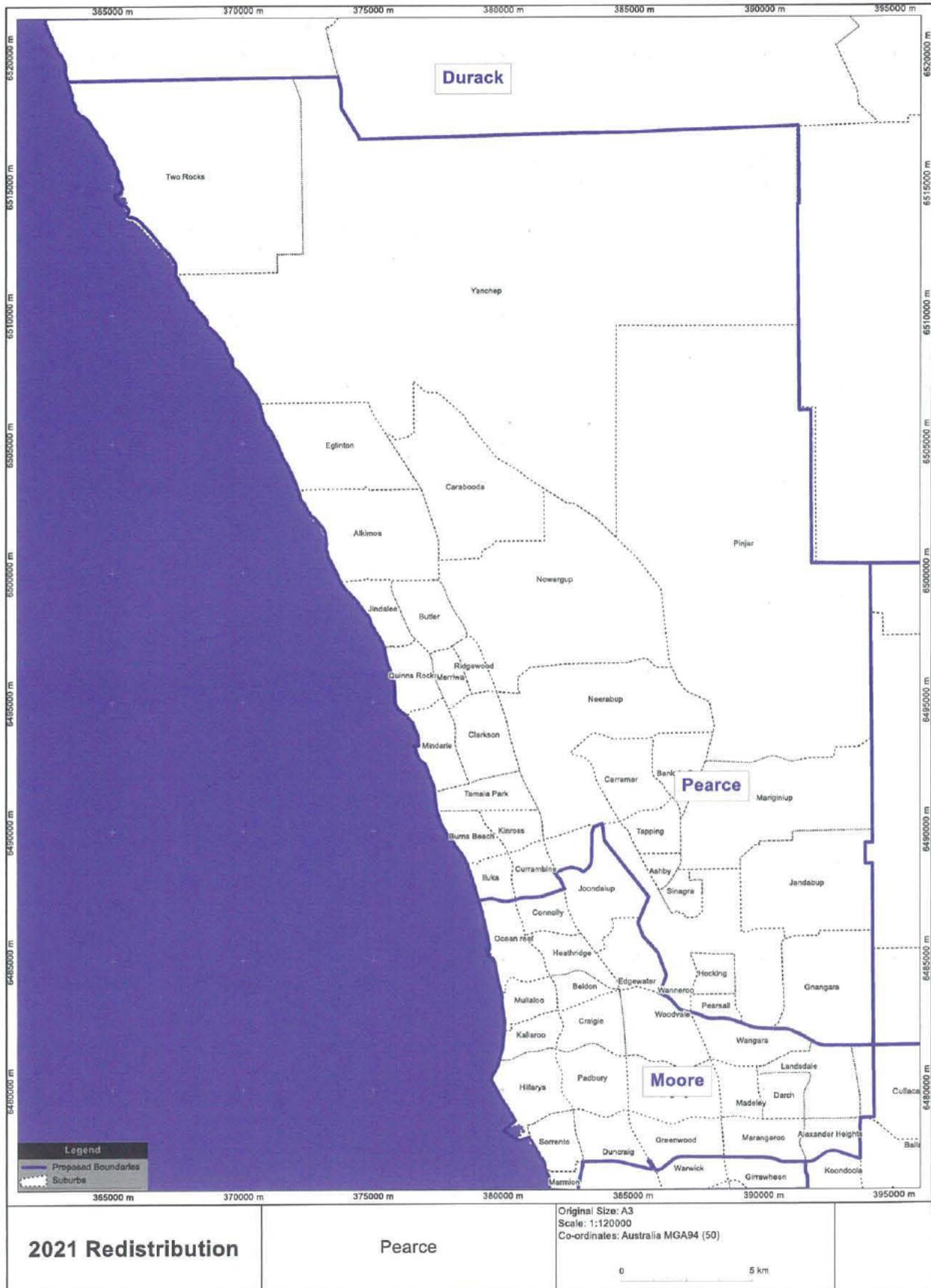
It is regrettable that the name of Cowan should be retired as a consequence of this distribution proposal. We would also submit that such names of former parliamentarians as Curtin, Forrest, Pearce, Tangney, Hasluck, Brand and Durack are equally worthy of retention. However at this stage of the redistribution process the Liberal Party makes no recommendation for changing or transferring the names of any other Western Australian electoral divisions.

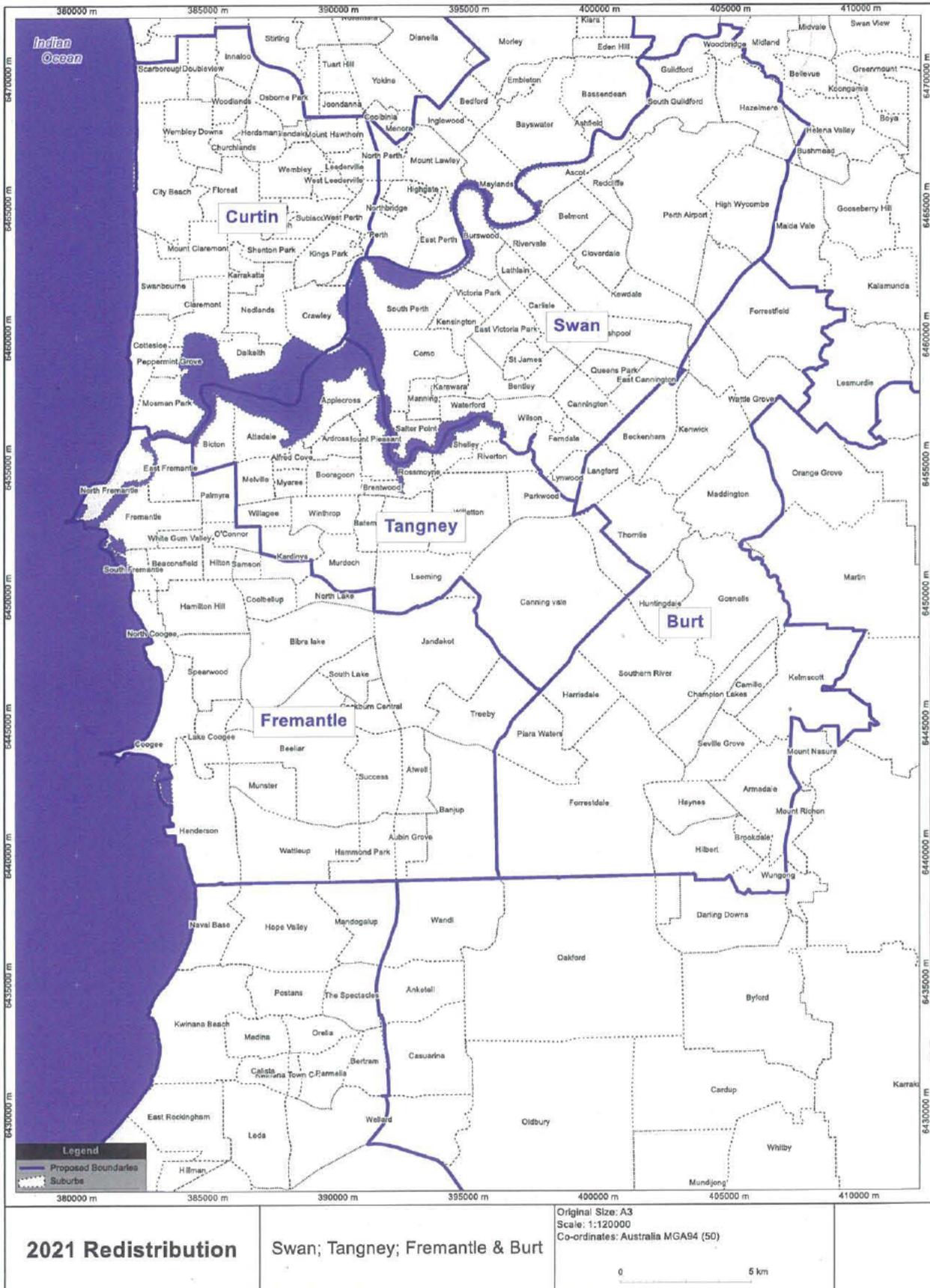


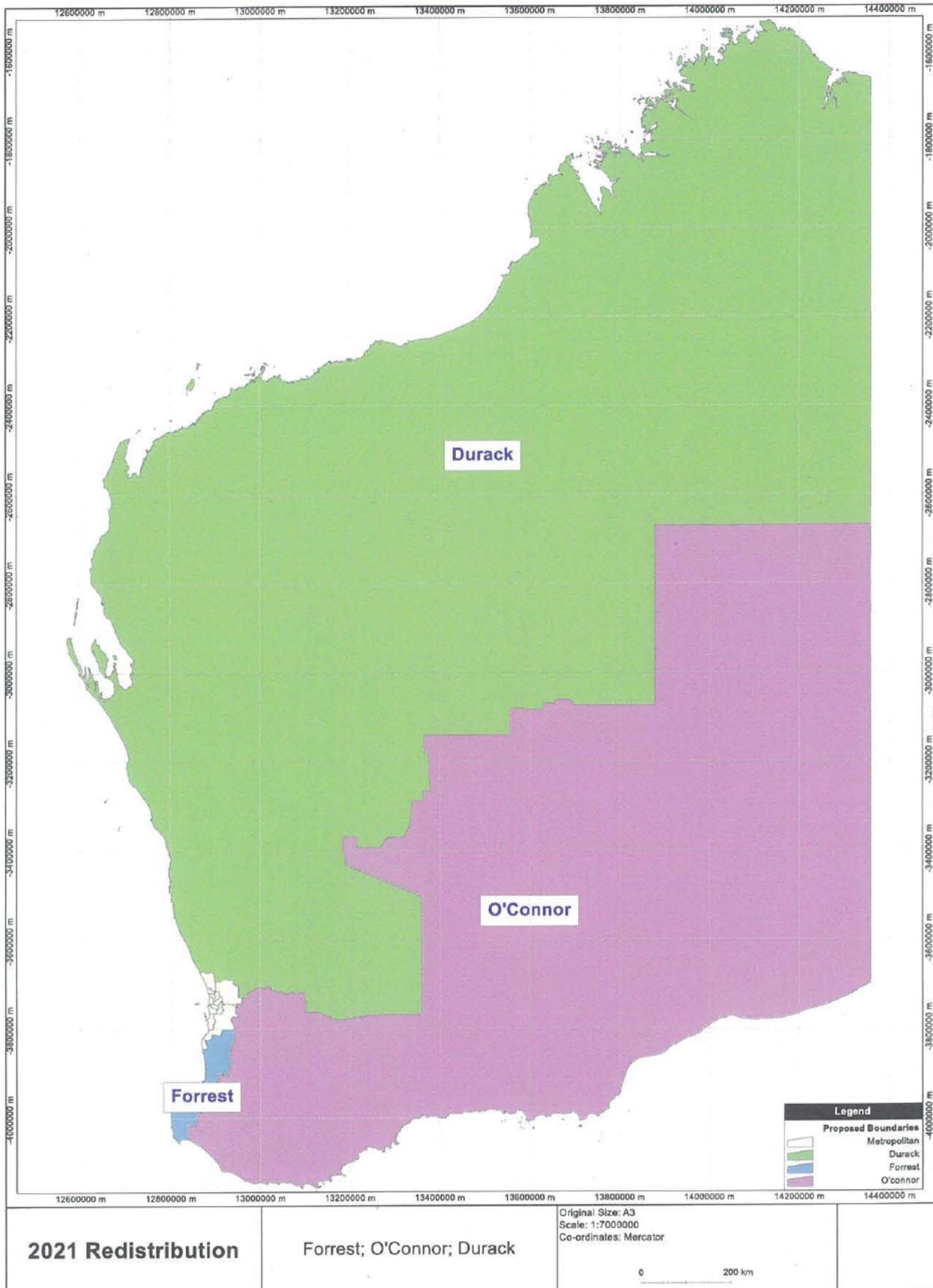




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