



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

# Comment on suggestion 8

Westnam Soccer Club

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Dear Commissioners,

We are grateful for this opportunity to make a submission on Western Australia's Federal redistribution.

Westnam United Soccer Club is a sporting club which was officially established in 1991. Unofficially, the Club's history extends back to the early 1980s. It was formed by a group of Vietnamese Australians living around Marangaroo, Mirrabooka, Koondoola, Balga, Alexander Heights and Ballajura with a shared common goal to come together once a week to kick a soccer ball around and build a social atmosphere of camaraderie. WestNam takes its name from the combined words Western Australia and Vietnam, recognising the Vietnamese origins of the Club and the great State of Western Australia in which we live. However, these days, WestNam is not affiliated to any one nation or county, it is mainstream and the catchment of the Club and its players extend not only to the original boundaries of Marangaroo, Mirrabooka, Koondoola, Balga, Alexander Heights and Ballajura but beyond. The Club consists of players from all over the World including Vietnam, Australia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Korea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand. A third of our members are recent refugees and migrants to Australia. For most of its 30 years history, the Club has called Shelvock Park in Koondoola as its home ground. The Club promotes cultural diversity and inclusion. The Club is duly incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 2015. The Club is affiliated to Football West, the peak body that administers the sport of soccer in the State. Football West is affiliated to Football Federation Australia.

We wish to make a submission in relation to the suburbs of Girrawheen, Koondoola, Balga and Mirrabooka. Currently the suburbs of Girrawheen and Koondoola are in the Division of Cowan, while the suburbs of Balga and Mirrabooka are in the Division of Stirling. These suburbs form a community of interest and we believe the redistribution process should bring them into the same Division.

Because Westnam United Soccer Club operates on the ground in these suburbs, we know that effective political representation is vital for the area. Being unified into the same Division would strengthen the representation afforded to these suburbs and their shared interests in the Federal Parliament.

We believe the best option for the Commission would be to transfer the suburbs of Balga and Mirrabooka into the Division of Cowan.

Yours sincerely,

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