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The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia (the augmented Electoral Commission) has undertaken a redistribution of Western Australia. In developing the redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission has satisfied itself that the electoral divisions meet the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act). The augmented Electoral Commission commends its redistribution for Western Australia.

This report is prepared to fulfil the requirements of section 74 of the Electoral Act.

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## About this report

This report outlines the redistribution of Western Australia and the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia's (the augmented Electoral Commission) reasons supporting this redistribution.

The report consists of the following sections:

- **Executive summary**
- **Chapter 1: Background and context**

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia's (the Redistribution Committee) proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.
- **Chapter 2: The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution**

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this redistribution. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.
- **Chapter 3: Implementation of the redistribution**

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Western Australia.
- **Appendices**

## Abbreviations and glossary

Word or acronym	Meaning
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission
AWST	Australian Western Standard Time – AWST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 8 hours (UTC +8)
augmented Electoral Commission	augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia
augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia	The Electoral Commission, augmented by the members of the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia
COB	comment on objection received
current enrolment quota	(Number of electors enrolled in a state or territory on the day the redistribution commences) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to)  The current enrolment quota for this redistribution is 112,172 electors  Note: Following the commencement of legislative change, from Tuesday 16 February 2021 this quota is known as the 'redistribution quota'
EBMS	Electoral Boundary Mapping System – a modification of commercially available mapping software which automatically calculates the revised actual and projected enrolments when boundaries are moved
Electoral Act	<i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i>



Word or acronym	Meaning
Electoral Commission	The Electoral Commission is headed by a Chairperson, who is selected from a list of names of three eligible Judges submitted to the Governor-General by the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. The other members are the Electoral Commissioner and a non-judicial member, currently the Australian Statistician
Gazette	<i>Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette</i> – gazette notices contain a range of information about legislation, including proclamations and notices of Commonwealth government departments and courts, and other notices required under Commonwealth law
general election	a general election of the members of the House of Representatives
guidelines	Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions
IP	inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Perth
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters – the role of this Committee of the Australian Parliament is to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister
localities	Also known as suburbs. An administrative geographical area which is uniquely and clearly defined to enable accurate property street addressing and to support the prompt delivery of services. In a redistribution context, locality and suburb boundaries are generally strong indicators of a community of interests
OB	objection received
projected enrolment quota	(Number of electors projected to be enrolled in a state or territory at the projection time) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to)  The projected enrolment quota for this redistribution is 116,838 electors
projection time	The projection time is generally the end of the period of three years and six months after the final determination of electoral division boundaries and names is published in the Gazette. There are circumstances where this time may be varied  The projection time for this redistribution is Sunday 2 February 2025
redistribution	A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to the population of the state or territory, and</li> <li>• there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory</li> </ul>
Redistribution Committee	Redistribution Committee for Western Australia
Redistribution Committee for Western Australia	The Electoral Commissioner, Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia, the Surveyor General of Western Australia and the Auditor General for Western Australia

Word or acronym	Meaning
redistribution quota	<p>(Number of electors enrolled in a state or territory on the day the redistribution commences) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to)</p> <p>The redistribution quota for this redistribution is 112,172 electors</p> <p>Note: The name 'redistribution quota' was adopted following the commencement of legislative change on Tuesday 16 February 2021. It was previously referred to as the 'current enrolment quota'</p>
SA1	<p>Statistical Area 1 – SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. The SA1s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2016 Census of Population and Housing</p>
SA2	<p>Statistical Area 2 – SA2s consist of one or more SA1s and wherever possible are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas, SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs but can be a combination of suburbs. The SA2s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2016 Census of Population and Housing</p>

# Executive summary

This report outlines the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia's (the augmented Electoral Commission's) redistribution of Western Australia into 15 electoral divisions.

The augmented Electoral Commission has:

- abolished the Division of Stirling,
- altered the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning, to be jointly named to honour:
  - Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008), and
  - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936), and
- retained the names of the Divisions of Brand, Burt, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Hasluck, Moore, O'Connor, Pearce, Perth, Swan and Tangney.

The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted all of the boundaries of electoral divisions proposed by the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia (the Redistribution Committee) with the following modifications:

- the suburb of Karnup and part of the suburb of Keralup are now located in the Division of Brand, resulting in the Division of Brand retaining the same boundaries that were in place prior to the start of the redistribution
- that part of the suburb of Armadale located to the south-east of the intersection of Albany Highway and South Western Highway is now located in the Division of Burt, resulting in the entirety of the suburb of Armadale being in the Division of Burt
- that part of the suburb of Martin located to the east of the Tonkin Highway is now located in the Division of Canning, resulting in the suburb being split across the Division of Burt and the Division of Canning
- the Shire of Waroona is now located in the Division of Canning
- the Shire of Wiluna is now located in the Division of O'Connor
- a small number of minor alterations, involving no elector movement, have been made to adhere to features or administrative boundaries and create more readily identifiable electoral boundaries

## Background

A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:

- each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to the population of the state or territory, and
- there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) makes provision for the conduct of redistributions, including procedures, processes and timelines to be followed and how and when public consultation is to occur.

A redistribution of electoral divisions in Western Australia was required as the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen for Western Australia at the next general election has decreased from 16 to 15.

The redistribution process commenced with a direction from the Electoral Commission on Wednesday 15 July 2020.

The Redistribution Committee released its proposed redistribution on Friday 19 March 2021. Interested individuals and organisations were invited to make written objections to the proposed redistribution and written comments on objections via notices published in:

- the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* (the Gazette) on Friday 19 March 2021,
- *The West Australian* and *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 27 March 2021,
- *Farm Weekly* on Thursday 1 April 2021, and
- *Koori Mail* on Wednesday 7 April 2021.

Thirty-one objections to the proposed redistribution were made available for public perusal from Monday 19 April 2021 and two written comments on objections were made available from Monday 3 May 2021. An inquiry into objections was held on Friday 21 May 2021 in Perth at which six submissions were made.

The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution process, together with the submissions presented by those participating in the inquiry, to be a valuable contribution and was appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed. The redistribution has been informed by a thorough consideration of these submissions and the augmented Electoral Commission has taken them into account in making its determination. However, the augmented Electoral Commission felt unable to implement some aspects of these submissions for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report.

This redistribution complies with all relevant provisions of the Electoral Act.

## Legislative requirements

The Electoral Act requires Western Australia to be divided into the same number of electoral divisions as the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Western Australia at a general election. As Western Australia is entitled to 15 members of the House of Representatives, the augmented Electoral Commission has redistributed Western Australia into 15 electoral divisions.

In making its redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission is required to adhere to two strict numerical requirements imposed by the Electoral Act. These two numerical requirements provide an overall constraint to ensure that there are approximately equal numbers of electors in each electoral division so that each elector in Western Australia has equality of representation in the House of Representatives.

All electoral divisions are required to be within the range of plus 10 per cent and minus 10 per cent of the redistribution quota. At the end of Wednesday 15 July 2020, the day on which the redistribution commenced, 1,682,574 electors were enrolled in Western Australia. The redistribution quota was therefore 112,172 electors. As the Electoral Act requires electoral divisions to be within the range of plus 10 per cent and minus 10 per cent of this quota, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which contain between 100,955 and 123,389 electors.

All electoral divisions are also required to be within the range of plus 3.5 per cent and minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota at the projection time of Sunday 2 February 2025. As the number of electors projected to be enrolled in Western Australia at this time is 1,752,566, and the projected enrolment quota is 116,838, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which are projected to contain between 112,749 and 120,927 electors on Sunday 2 February 2025.

In relation to each proposed electoral division, the augmented Electoral Commission is also required by the Electoral Act to give due consideration to:

- i. community of interests within the electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests,
- ii. means of communication and travel within the electoral division,
- iv. the physical features and area of the electoral division, and
- v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions in Western Australia, with this factor being subordinate to the consideration of i, ii and iv.

The augmented Electoral Commission can only balance the different criteria against each other so far as they affect each of the 15 electoral divisions in Western Australia, and try and achieve the best balance overall. Given the primacy of the two numerical requirements, it is impossible to satisfy all the statutory criteria to the same extent in each electoral division.

## Redistribution of Western Australia

The redistribution covers:

- which electoral division to abolish,
- the names of the 15 electoral divisions, and
- where to draw the boundaries between electoral divisions in Western Australia to accommodate the abolition of an electoral division.

### **Abolition of an electoral division**

The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to abolish the Division of Stirling.

The augmented Electoral Commission adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposed abolition for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 of this report.

### **Names of electoral divisions**

The Redistribution Committee proposed:

- altering the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning to jointly name it to honour:
  - Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008), and
  - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936), and
- retaining the names of the Divisions of Brand, Burt, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Hasluck, Moore, O'Connor, Pearce, Perth, Swan and Tangney.

A small portion of the total number of objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry referred to the names of electoral divisions.

Some of these supported the Redistribution Committee's proposed names while others offered a different name for consideration by the augmented Electoral Commission.

The augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed the arguments offered in support of altering the names of any of the 15 proposed electoral divisions were not substantive enough to warrant change from the Redistribution Committee's proposal. These 15 electoral divisions will be known by the names proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

The electoral division names have been agreed by the augmented Electoral Commission for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report.

## Boundaries of electoral divisions

In determining the boundaries of electoral divisions in a state, the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to ensure the enrolment numbers for each electoral division remain within the two ranges of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.

Western Australia's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives has decreased from 16 to 15 electoral divisions. As a consequence of abolishing an electoral division, the redistribution quota and projected enrolment quota were increased, as were the ranges for the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors associated with these quotas. More electoral divisions fell outside these ranges than may otherwise have been the case. The augmented Electoral Commission was required, as was the Redistribution Committee, to abolish an electoral division and to alter 11 of Western Australia's 15 electoral division boundaries to ensure that all electoral divisions met the requirements of the Electoral Act.

The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposal met the requirements of the Electoral Act and proposed electoral divisions which:

- were more equitably balanced numerically across the state,
- could accommodate the differing projected rates of growth across Western Australia,
- kept together or improved existing communities of interest, in some cases represented by local government areas and localities, where possible,
- used strong and readily identifiable features, such as major roads, rivers or established administrative boundaries to define electoral division boundaries, and
- were consistent with elements of the 27 suggestions and 17 comments on suggestions which identified electoral division boundary changes to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.

Abolishing an electoral division will, of necessity, result in significant elector movement away from the abolished electoral division and will also require consequential boundary changes and elector movements across the state to ensure that all electoral divisions remain within the two permissible ranges. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposal met the requirements of the Electoral Act, and to the extent possible, provided electoral divisions that accommodated future growth while recognising and maintaining many communities of interest and using strong boundaries.

The augmented Electoral Commission carefully considered the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution, the objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and further information provided in submissions to the inquiry in Perth. The augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed with much of what was proposed by the Redistribution Committee but was of the opinion that improvements could be made.

As a number of the changes advocated in objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry were able to be accommodated within the permissible ranges for the number of electors within an electoral division, or with minimal boundary adjustments to the surrounding electoral divisions, the augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed to make these changes. As a result, 13 electoral divisions of the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution differ from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee. These minor changes have been made to better reflect communities of interest and/or improve electoral division boundaries.

While acknowledging the merits of a number of other ideas advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry, they were unable to be accepted because the resultant adjustments to the boundaries would have led to electoral divisions which fell outside the permissible ranges. Any alternative adjustments would, in the augmented Electoral Commission's opinion, have caused significant flow-on effects for other electoral divisions across Western Australia as a result of complying with the requirements of the Electoral Act.

## Elector movements

Overall, 295,447 electors enrolled in Western Australia (or 17.56 per cent of all electors enrolled in Western Australia on Wednesday 15 July 2020) will change their federal electoral division as a result of this redistribution.

Changing the basis to rename an electoral division will affect 107,779 electors enrolled in Western Australia (or 6.41 per cent of all electors enrolled in Western Australia on Wednesday 15 July 2020).

## Implementation of this redistribution

Changes to electoral divisions as a result of this redistribution will apply from the day on which the notice of determination is published in the Gazette. This notice was published on Monday 2 August 2021.

Electoral events will not be contested on these new federal electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiry or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

## Chapter 1:

# Background and context

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia's (the Redistribution Committee) proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia (the augmented Electoral Commission).

1. A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:
  - each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to the population of the state or territory, and
  - there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

## Compliance with legislative requirements

2. The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) specifies that a redistribution process should be undertaken when:
  - the number of members of the House of Representatives to which a state or territory is entitled has changed (relative population change),
  - the number of electors in more than one-third of the electoral divisions in a state (or one of the electoral divisions in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory) deviates from the average divisional enrolment by over ten per cent for a period of more than two months, or
  - a period of seven years has elapsed since the last redistribution process was determined.<sup>1</sup>
3. The procedures to be followed in conducting a redistribution process are also specified in the Electoral Act. Appendix A summarises the legislative requirements which have been followed in conducting this redistribution. Each of these requirements is discussed in further detail in this chapter.

## Background to this redistribution

4. The steps followed from the commencement of the redistribution of Western Australia to the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution are outlined in Chapter 1 of the Redistribution Committee's report: *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sub-section 59(2) of the Electoral Act specifies when a redistribution process should be undertaken.

<sup>2</sup> Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*, March 2021, pages 9–15



## Requirement to conduct a redistribution of electoral divisions in Western Australia and commencement

5. On Friday 3 July 2020, the Electoral Commissioner made a determination under sub-section 48(1) of the Electoral Act of the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory would be entitled to at the next general election.<sup>3</sup>
6. As a result of this determination, Western Australia's entitlement decreased from 16 to 15 members of the House of Representatives.
7. In accordance with sub-section 59(1) of the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission published a notice in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* (the Gazette) on Wednesday 15 July 2020 directing that a redistribution of Western Australia into 15 electoral divisions commence.

### Redistribution quota

8. Section 65 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner, as soon as practicable after the redistribution process commences, to determine the redistribution quota or average divisional enrolment using the following formula:<sup>4</sup>

$$\frac{\text{Number of electors enrolled in Western Australia as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Wednesday 15 July 2020)}}{\text{Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled}}$$

9. In calculating this quota, sub-section 65(2) of the Electoral Act provides that:
  - where the result includes a fraction that is less than 0.5, the number is rounded down to the nearest whole number, or
  - where the result includes a fraction that is equal to or greater than 0.5, the number is rounded up to the nearest whole number.
10. Table A shows the figures used to calculate the redistribution quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division (discussed further in the section titled 'Statutory requirements for the making of a proposed redistribution').

**Table A: Redistribution quota and permissible range for Western Australia**

Number of electors enrolled in Western Australia as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Wednesday 15 July 2020)	1,682,574
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled	15
Redistribution quota for Western Australia	112,172
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division (redistribution quota + 10 per cent)	123,389
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division (redistribution quota – 10 per cent)	100,955

<sup>3</sup> A copy of this determination is available on the AEC website.

<sup>4</sup> The name 'redistribution quota' was not applied to this quota until Tuesday 16 February 2021 when legislative changes became operative.

11. As part of the redistribution process, the augmented Electoral Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in a proposed electoral division is within the range of plus 10 per cent and minus 10 per cent of the redistribution quota (see Appendix B).<sup>5</sup>
12. The number of electors at the commencement date of Wednesday 15 July 2020 at both the electoral division and Statistical Area 1 (SA1) level were published on the AEC website when the invitation for interested persons to submit suggestions and comments on suggestions was made.<sup>6</sup>

### Enrolment projections and projected enrolment quota

13. When determining a redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission is required by paragraph 73(4)(a) to ensure, as far as practicable, that the number of electors enrolled in the electoral division at the projection time will be within the range of plus 3.5 per cent and minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota (see Appendix B). This quota is calculated using the following formula:

**Projected total number of electors enrolled in  
Western Australia at the projection time (Sunday 2 February 2025)**

**Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled**

14. For the purposes of this redistribution, projected enrolment has been calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). These projections were subsequently reviewed by AEC officers.
15. Projected enrolment at the projection time of Sunday 2 February 2025, together with the processes used by the ABS to calculate these projections, were published on the AEC website when the invitation for interested parties to submit suggestions and comments on suggestions was made. The projections were made available at both the electoral division and SA1 level.<sup>7</sup>
16. Table B shows the figures used to calculate the projected enrolment quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (discussed further in the section titled 'Statutory requirements for the making of a proposed redistribution').

**Table B: Projected enrolment quota and permissible range for Western Australia**

Projected total number of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the projection time (Sunday 2 February 2025)	1,752,566
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled	15
Projected enrolment quota for Western Australia	116,838
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota + 3.5 per cent)	120,927
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota – 3.5 per cent)	112,749

<sup>5</sup> This requirement is specified by sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act.

<sup>6</sup> See Appendix G for a discussion of how the AEC uses SA1s. SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. At the time of the 2016 Census, there were 57,523 SA1s covering Australia with populations in the range of 200–800. Approximately 5,980 of these SA1s are located in Western Australia. SA1s, which are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, are defined by the ABS and remain stable between censuses. The SA1s currently in use were defined for the 2016 Census.

<sup>7</sup> Accompanying papers explained the assumptions used in calculating these enrolment projections. The assumptions relating to net interstate migration and net overseas migration reflect the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the movement of the population.

## Release of proposed redistribution of Western Australia

17. Sub-section 66(1) of the Electoral Act requires the Redistribution Committee to make a proposed redistribution, with section 67 requiring that written reasons for the proposed redistribution be provided.
18. In its report *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*, the Redistribution Committee outlined its proposed redistribution of Western Australia and in Chapter 2 and Appendix F explained the reasons behind its proposal.<sup>8</sup> On Friday 19 March 2021, this report was made available on the AEC website and in each AEC office located in Western Australia.
19. In addition, and as required by sub-section 68(1) of the Electoral Act, the following information was also made available at each AEC office in Western Australia from Friday 19 March 2021:
  - maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division in Western Australia, and
  - copies of the 27 suggestions made to the proposed redistribution and 17 comments on suggestions which were received.

## Invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit objections and comments on objections

20. The Redistribution Committee is required by sub-sections 68(1) and 68(2) of the Electoral Act to draw attention to the redistribution material able to be viewed at AEC offices in Western Australia and to invite written objections relating to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia and written comments on objections via:
  - a notice published in the Gazette on a Friday,
  - a notice published in two newspapers circulating throughout Western Australia, and
  - notices published in such regional newspapers circulating in regions affected by the proposed redistribution as determined by the Redistribution Committee.<sup>9</sup>
21. The notice was published in the Gazette on Friday 19 March 2021. Newspaper notices were published in:
  - *The West Australian* and *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 27 March 2021,
  - *Farm Weekly* on Thursday 1 April 2021,<sup>10</sup> and
  - *Koori Mail* on Wednesday 7 April 2021.<sup>11</sup>
22. In accordance with section 68 of the Electoral Act, these notices included a brief outline of the proposed redistribution, where to view the proposed redistribution, how to participate in the process and where to find further information.<sup>12</sup> As required by paragraph 68(1)(d), the notices published in *The West Australian*, *Farm Weekly* and *Koori Mail* included maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division in Western Australia.

<sup>8</sup> Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., pages 27–55 and 71–86

<sup>9</sup> Due to difficulties in identifying specific newspapers published in the affected areas outside of metropolitan Perth, the Redistribution Committee considered the most appropriate strategy was to place notices in newspapers circulating throughout the state. Digital banner advertising in regional newspapers was also utilized.

<sup>10</sup> The *Farm Weekly* is a rurally oriented newspaper published in Western Australia.

<sup>11</sup> The *Koori Mail* is the national Indigenous newspaper and is published fortnightly.

<sup>12</sup> A disc included in *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions* provided the material which sub-section 68(1) of the Electoral Act specifies is to be made available at each office of the AEC in the state/territory undergoing redistribution.

23. Table C presents information on the options for making an objection or comment on an objection, and the extent to which these options were used.

**Table C: Options to make an objection or comment on an objection**

Options	Objections		Comments on objections	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Form upload on AEC website	11	35.48%	2	100.00%
Email	17	54.84%	0	0.00%
Mail	2	6.45%	0	0.00%
Fax	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
In person	1	3.23%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

24. Interested individuals and organisations were able to submit written objections from Friday 19 March 2021 until 6pm AWST on Friday 16 April 2021, the 4th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.<sup>13</sup> During this time, 31 objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix C).
25. As required by sub-section 69(2) of the Electoral Act, copies of these objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia in Perth from Monday 19 April 2021, the 5th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The objections were also made available on the AEC website from this date.
26. Interested individuals and organisations were able to submit written comments on objections received from Monday 19 April 2021 until 6pm AWST on Friday 30 April 2021, the 6th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.<sup>14</sup> During this time, two comments on objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix D).
27. As required by sub-section 69(4) of the Electoral Act, copies of these comments on objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia in Perth from Monday 3 May 2021, the 7th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The comments on objections were also made available on the AEC website on this date.

## Augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

28. Sub-section 70(1) of the Electoral Act specifies that, for the purposes of a redistribution of Western Australia, an augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia is established. The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission is specified by sub-section 70(2).
29. The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia is outlined in Table D.

<sup>13</sup> This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(a) of the Electoral Act.

<sup>14</sup> This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(b) of the Electoral Act.

**Table D: Membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia**

Position on the augmented Electoral Commission	Name	Basis for membership
Chairperson	The Hon. Justice Susan Kenny AM	Chairperson of the Electoral Commission
Member	Dr David Gruen	non-judicial member of the Electoral Commission
Member	Mr Tom Rogers	Electoral Commissioner
Member	Ms Gina Dario	Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia
Member	Ms Dione Bilick	Surveyor General of Western Australia
Member	Ms Caroline Spencer	Auditor General for Western Australia

Note:

1. Shading indicates the members of the Redistribution Committee (chaired by Mr Rogers).
2. Ms Gina Dario was appointed Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia on Thursday 1 April 2021. Ms Michelle Harper was acting Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia prior to this date and in this capacity had served as a member of the Redistribution Committee.

30. The augmented Electoral Commission is responsible for:

- considering all objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution and all comments on objections which were received by the specified lodgement times,
- developing a proposed redistribution of Western Australia in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act,
- conducting an inquiry into objections, should one be required,
- determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia, and
- making the reasons for the augmented Electoral Commission's determination available for public perusal.

31. The augmented Electoral Commission met on:

- Friday 14 May 2021, and
- Friday 21 May 2021

## Consideration of objections and comments on objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

32. The augmented Electoral Commission is required by sub-section 72(1) of the Electoral Act to consider all objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections which were received by the required specified lodgement times.
33. In formulating its redistribution of Western Australia, the augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 31 objections to the proposed redistribution and two comments on objections received.
34. The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution valuable and appreciates the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
35. Chapter 2 and Appendix E outline the key themes contained in these objections and comments on objections, and how the augmented Electoral Commission responded to them, having regard to the requirements of the Electoral Act.

## Inquiry by the augmented Electoral Commission into objections

36. Sub-section 72(3) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to hold an inquiry into an objection unless it is of the opinion:
  - the matters raised in the objection were raised, or are substantially the same as matters that were raised, in:
    - suggestions relating to the redistribution lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
    - comments on suggestions lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
  - the objection is frivolous or vexatious.
37. Analysis of the 31 objections to the proposed redistribution indicated the matters to be inquired into as:
  - abolition of the Division of Stirling,
  - boundary of the Division of Cowan,
  - boundary of the Division of O'Connor, and
  - boundary of the Division of Pearce.
38. The manner in which an inquiry into objections is to be conducted by the augmented Electoral Commission is specified in sub-sections 72(4) to 72(9) of the Electoral Act.
39. The augmented Electoral Commission held an inquiry on Friday 21 May 2021 in Perth.
40. Invitations to attend the inquiry were sent to those who made objections to the proposed redistribution or who commented on objections. Notices of invitation were placed in *The West Australian* and *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 15 May 2021.
41. Appendix F lists those who made submissions to the inquiry and a transcript is included with this report. The augmented Electoral Commission found the submissions presented by those participating at the inquiry to be a valuable contribution and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
42. The augmented Electoral Commission's response to the matters raised at the inquiry is summarised in Chapter 2 and Appendix E.

## Conclusion of consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

43. Sub-section 72(2) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to conclude its consideration of the objections before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections. As comments on objections closed on Friday 30 April 2021, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to conclude its consideration by Tuesday 29 June 2021.
44. Consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission concluded on Thursday 3 June 2021.

## Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

45. Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to adhere to specific criteria in determining boundaries of electoral divisions.
46. The augmented Electoral Commission endeavoured to ensure that the number of electors in each Western Australian electoral division would:
  - meet the requirement of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors in an electoral division to not be less than 90 per cent or more than 110 per cent of the redistribution quota of 112,172 electors (Table A indicates the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division in Western Australia must therefore be between 100,955 and 123,389), and
  - meet the requirement of paragraph 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors projected to be in an electoral division to not be less than 96.5 per cent or more than 103.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota at the projection time of Sunday 2 February 2025 (Table B indicates the number of electors projected to be enrolled in each electoral division in Western Australia at the projection time of Sunday 2 February 2025 must be between 112,749 and 120,927).
47. The augmented Electoral Commission also gave due consideration to the requirements of paragraph 73(4)(b) of the Electoral Act:
  - i. community of interests within the electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests,
  - ii. means of communication and travel within the electoral division,
  - iv. the physical features and area of the electoral division, and
  - v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions in Western Australia, with this factor being subordinate to the consideration of i, ii and iv.
48. Further details regarding these requirements are in Appendix B.
49. Appendix G outlines the mechanics of constructing proposed electoral divisions.

## Public announcement by the augmented Electoral Commission

50. Once its inquiries into objections are completed, sub-section 72(10) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to:
  - make a proposed redistribution of the state, and
  - make a public announcement.
51. While the augmented Electoral Commission is able to choose the means by which this public announcement is issued,<sup>15</sup> sub-section 72(12) requires the following content:
  - the substance of the augmented Electoral Commission's findings or conclusions on the initial objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution,
  - the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution of the state, and
  - a statement whether, in the opinion of the augmented Electoral Commission, its proposed redistribution is significantly different from the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Paragraph 72(10)(b) of the Electoral Act states the announcement may be made by a statement to the media or by other expeditious means.

<sup>16</sup> In the event the augmented Electoral Commission considers its proposed redistribution to be significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee, paragraph 72(12)(d) specifies the inclusion of additional information in the public announcement.

52. The augmented Electoral Commission did not consider its proposed redistribution to be significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee. The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement, which was made on Friday 4 June 2021, is at Appendix H.

## Determination made by the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

53. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the names and boundaries of electoral divisions for a state are determined when the augmented Electoral Commission publishes a notice in the Gazette.
54. The text of the notice published in the Gazette on Monday 2 August 2021 is at Appendix I.



## Chapter 2:

# The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this redistribution. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.

## Augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution of Western Australia

55. The augmented Electoral Commission was required to redistribute Western Australia into 15 electoral divisions.
56. The augmented Electoral Commission decided to adopt the proposal of the Redistribution Committee, as outlined in *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*, with some modifications.
57. There are three components to the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution:
  - which electoral division to abolish,
  - the names of the 15 electoral divisions, and
  - where to draw the boundaries between electoral divisions in Western Australia to accommodate the abolition of an electoral division.

### **Abolished electoral division**

58. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to abolish the Division of Stirling.

### **Names of electoral divisions**

59. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposed names without change.
60. The augmented Electoral Commission has:
  - retired the name 'Stirling',
  - altered the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning to jointly honour:
    - Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008), and
    - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936), and
  - retained the names of the remaining electoral divisions.

61. This is consistent with the 'Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions' (the guidelines) and the sentiments expressed in objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry.
62. The augmented Electoral Commission notes that, as a result of these name changes, the number of Western Australia's electoral divisions named after women has increased, as has the number of electoral divisions named for an Aboriginal person.
63. Appendix J presents some summary information about the names of Western Australia's electoral divisions and how this compares to electoral division names in place at the start of this redistribution.

## Boundaries of electoral divisions

64. With respect to the boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to:
  - abolish an electoral division as Western Australia's resident population relative to that of other states and territories means that its entitlement to electoral divisions has decreased from 16 to 15, and
  - alter the boundaries of 11 of Western Australia's electoral divisions which did not meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.
65. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee with some modifications. Table E indicates the electoral divisions:
  - where the augmented Electoral Commission has modified the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee, and
  - where the augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's boundaries without change.
66. As a result, 13 electoral divisions have different boundaries compared to those in place at the start of the redistribution, while two remain unchanged.<sup>17</sup>

**Table E: Electoral divisions where boundaries are as proposed by the Redistribution Committee or have been modified by the augmented Electoral Commission**

Boundaries which have been modified by the augmented Electoral Commission			Boundaries as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
Brand	Durack	Pearce	Fremantle
Burt	Forrest	Swan	Perth
Canning	Hasluck	Tangney	
Cowan	Moore		
Curtin	O'Connor		

Note: Shading indicates electoral divisions which have the same boundaries as were in place at the state of the redistribution.

67. The augmented Electoral Commission's modifications are listed in Appendix L and are discussed in the following sections.

<sup>17</sup> As a result of modifications made by the augmented Electoral Commission to the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the boundaries of the Division of Brand will be the same as were in place at the start of the redistribution.

## Abolition of an electoral division

68. Abolition of an electoral division was required as Western Australia's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives decreased from 16 to 15. The Redistribution Committee developed its proposed redistribution by adjusting the outer Divisions of Durack and O'Connor, both of which needed to gain electors, and then examining those electoral divisions located in and around the Perth region. As a consequence of making the necessary adjustments to ensure that all electoral divisions would meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee unanimously proposed abolishing the existing Division of Stirling with electors transferred to the proposed Divisions of Cowan, Curtin, Moore and Perth.<sup>18</sup>
69. Objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions made to the inquiry:
  - argued the Division of Stirling should not be abolished,<sup>19</sup>
  - argued the Division of Stirling should be abolished,<sup>20</sup>
  - accepted the abolition of the Division of Stirling,<sup>21</sup>
  - did not dispute the abolition of a metropolitan electoral division north of the Swan River,<sup>22</sup> or
  - argued the Division of Pearce should be abolished.<sup>23</sup>
70. The augmented Electoral Commission observed that the majority of objections arguing against the abolition of the Division of Stirling did not provide alternatives as to which electoral division should be abolished. As such, the arguments offered were not substantive enough to warrant change from the Redistribution Committee's proposal.
71. Further, the argument offered by one objector that a 'newer' electoral division should have been proposed for abolition by the Redistribution Committee ignores the fact that more recently created electoral divisions have often been situated in specific locations to accommodate areas of population and enrolment growth.<sup>24</sup>
72. The augmented Electoral Commission observed that abolishing an alternative electoral division, along with the adjustments to the boundaries of other electoral divisions necessary to accommodate such a change, would not result in an improved outcome for Western Australia. In addition, the augmented Electoral Commission did not consider the arguments offered were substantive enough to warrant change from the Redistribution Committee's proposal.
73. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal as to which electoral division to abolish should stand unchanged. The Division of Stirling, as it existed prior to the commencement of the redistribution on Wednesday 15 July 2020, is abolished.

18 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 32

19 This was argued by OB1 – Rinaldo Ienco, OB12 – Brenda Phipps, OB13 – Linda and OB29 – Lisa Thornton.

20 OB9 – Steven Pitcher and IP3 – Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor supported the abolition.

21 OB22 – WA Labor expressed this view.

22 This argument was made by OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division).

23 This view was advocated by OB12 – Brenda Phipps.

24 OB11 – Martin Gordon expressed this view.

## Augmented Electoral Commission's approach to naming electoral divisions

74. The naming of federal electoral divisions has been the subject of a number of recommendations from parliamentary committees. The guidelines were developed by the AEC from recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in 1995 in *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. The guidelines are publicly available on the AEC website (see Appendix K for a copy), with attention directed to this availability when the redistribution was advertised.

### Renaming of electoral divisions in Western Australia

75. The guidelines note that the names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons. Any decision to alter the name of an electoral division is therefore one which is not taken lightly.
76. The augmented Electoral Commission received several objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the names of electoral divisions.
77. Where an alternative to the Redistribution Committee's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix E, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

### Retiring the name 'Stirling'

78. In proposing to abolish the existing Division of Stirling, the Redistribution Committee considered whether it would be appropriate to rename another electoral division 'Stirling', however considered there was no compelling reason to do so.<sup>25</sup>
79. Objections to the proposed redistribution:
- supported retiring the name 'Stirling',<sup>26</sup> or
  - did not dispute retiring the name 'Stirling'.<sup>27</sup>
80. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand and the name 'Stirling' will be retired.

### Renaming the proposed Division of Canning

81. The Redistribution Committee proposed the Division of Canning be jointly named to honour:
- Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008), and
  - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936).<sup>28</sup>
82. In considering potential alternative names for the electoral division, the Redistribution Committee noted the possibilities of retaining the name 'Canning' while expanding the individuals it was named to recognise. Sadie Canning was Western Australia's, and possibly Australia's, first Indigenous Australian nurse and matron who made a significant contribution to Australian health and Indigenous outcomes.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 32

<sup>26</sup> Support was indicated by OB21 – Sue.

<sup>27</sup> This view was expressed by OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division).

<sup>28</sup> Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936) surveyed routes for a rabbit-proof fence from Starvation Harbour to Cape Keraudren and stock routes to bring cattle from the Kimberley region to feed those working the Western Australian goldfields.

<sup>29</sup> Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., pages 35–36

83. Objections and submissions to the public inquiry supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal to alter the basis for naming the electoral division.<sup>30</sup>
84. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand and the Division of Canning will be jointly named to honour:
- Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008), and
  - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936).

### Renaming of the remaining electoral divisions

85. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the names of the 14 remaining electoral divisions in Western Australia – the Divisions of Brand, Burt, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Hasluck, Moore, O'Connor, Pearce, Perth, Swan and Tangney.<sup>31</sup>
86. Objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry advocated retaining the names:
- 'Cowan',<sup>32</sup> and
  - 'Tangney'.<sup>33</sup>
87. A number of objections to the proposed redistribution advocated renaming electoral divisions.<sup>34</sup> The alternative names offered are displayed in Table F.

**Table F: Alternative names advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry for Western Australia's electoral divisions**

Proposed electoral division name	Alternative names advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry
a northern suburbs electoral division	<b>Yellagonga</b> – in honour of Yellagonga (unknown–1843), Indigenous leader
Moore or Pearce	<b>Abdullah</b> – in honour of George Cyril Abdullah (1919–84), community worker, Indigenous rights activist/supporter and soldier <b>Brennan</b> – in honour of Gloria Fay Brennan (1948–85), Indigenous leader and public servant <b>Colbung</b> – in honour of Kenneth Desmond Colbung MBE AM (1931–2010), Indigenous leader, Indigenous activist and soldier <b>Davis</b> – in honour of Jack Leonard Davis BEM AM (1917–2000), playwright, poet and stockman <b>Harris</b> – in honour of Edward Harris (1878–c1931), Indigenous rights activist/supporter <b>Harris</b> – in honour of William Harris (1867–1931), Indigenous leader and Indigenous rights activist/supporter
Moore–Pearce hybrid	<b>Hawke</b> – in honour of the Hon. Robert James Lee Hawke AC (1929–2019), Prime Minister of Australia from 1983 to 1991
Unspecified	<b>Holman</b> – in honour of Mary Alice Holman (1893–1939), politician and political organiser

30 OB17 – Emeritus Professor Mike Daube AO Hon DSci FPHAA FFPH, OB26 – Daniel Ortlepp, OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) and IP2 – Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) were in favour of this.

31 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 37

32 OB21 – Sue and OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) were in favour of retaining the name 'Cowan'.

33 This view was expressed by OB21 – Sue.

34 Those advocating alternative names are indicated in Table L.

88. The guidelines note that the names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons. Any decision to alter the name of an electoral division is not taken lightly.
89. While noting the contribution to Australian society of those individuals submitted for its consideration and the general relevance of those names submitted, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded strong enough reasons to alter the names of the electoral divisions listed in Table G were not provided. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal with respect to these names should stand unchanged.
90. The augmented Electoral Commission has retained the names of the remaining electoral divisions indicated in Table G.

**Table G: Names of Western Australia's remaining electoral divisions retained by the augmented Electoral Commission**

Names of electoral divisions		
Brand	Forrest	Pearce
Burt	Fremantle	Perth
Cowan	Hasluck	Swan
Curtin	Moore	Tangney
Durack	O'Connor	

## Augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating electoral boundaries

91. In deciding whether to amend the Redistribution Committee's proposal to incorporate a concept submitted in an objection, comment on objection or submission to the inquiry, the augmented Electoral Commission was mindful of whether the advocated amendment would improve the Redistribution Committee's proposal. As the augmented Electoral Commission's formulation of electoral divisions must conform to the requirements of the Electoral Act, potential amendments were also analysed with respect to the requirements of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act.
92. The primary requirement was to ensure each electoral division remains within the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors around the redistribution enrolment quota (see Table A) and the projected enrolment quota (see Table B). In modifying the boundaries of electoral divisions proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the augmented Electoral Commission was therefore required to ensure that each electoral division in Western Australia continued to fall within the permissible ranges for the maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.
93. Similarly, when considering adjusting the boundary of an electoral division to better reflect one community of interest, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that such an adjustment could prompt concerns about one or more different communities of interests.

## Adjusting the boundaries of existing electoral divisions

94. In constructing its proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee noted it was required to abolish an electoral division and that 11 of the 16 existing electoral divisions did not satisfy the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act and therefore must change.<sup>35</sup> To meet these requirements the Redistribution Committee proposed adjusting the boundaries of all but one of Western Australia's existing electoral divisions.<sup>36</sup>
95. The Redistribution Committee considered that its proposed redistribution would result in electoral divisions which:
- were equitably balanced numerically across the state,
  - could accommodate the differing projected rates of growth and decline across Western Australia,
  - kept together or improved existing communities of interest, in some cases represented by local government areas, suburbs and localities, where possible, and
  - used strong and readily identifiable features as electoral division boundaries, to the extent possible.<sup>37</sup>
96. Thirteen electoral divisions of the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution differ from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee. Changes to seven of these electoral divisions create more readily identifiable boundaries and resulted in no movement of electors.<sup>38</sup> Alternatives to these changes did not feature in objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections or submissions to the inquiry. These changes include:
- a minor realignment between the Divisions of Burt and Swan to follow the Roe Highway and Welshpool Road,
  - a minor realignment between the Divisions of Burt and Tangney to follow Nicholson Road,
  - a minor realignment of the boundary between the Divisions of Canning and O'Connor to follow the local government area boundary between the Shires of Boddington and Murray,
  - a minor realignment between the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck to follow the Reid Highway,
  - a minor realignment between the Divisions of Curtin and Moore to follow North Beach Road,
  - a minor realignment of the boundary between the Divisions of Durack and O'Connor to follow the local government area boundary between the Shires of Cunderdin and Goomalling,
  - a minor realignment of the boundary between the Divisions of Durack and O'Connor to follow the local government area boundary between the Shires of Koorda and Wongan-Ballidu, and
  - two minor realignments of the boundary between the Divisions of Durack and Pearce to follow the local government area boundary between the Shire of Chittering and the City of Wanneroo.

35 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 7

36 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 4

37 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 8

38 The electoral divisions affected by these changes are the Divisions of Cowan, Curtin, Hasluck, Moore, Pearce, Swan and Tangney.

97. The augmented Electoral Commission considered the Redistribution Committee's proposal and agreed with much of what was proposed. Where an alternative to the Redistribution Committee's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix E, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

### The boundary of the Division of Cowan

98. On the electoral division boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Division of Cowan needed to gain electors in order to meet the numerical parameters required by the Electoral Act. As one of the electoral divisions adjoining the Division of Stirling, which the Redistribution Committee proposed for abolition, and the Division of Pearce, which was required to shed electors in order to meet the Electoral Act's numerical parameters, substantial changes were proposed to the boundaries of the Division of Cowan by the Redistribution Committee.<sup>39</sup>
99. Objections and comments on objections to the proposed redistribution advocated:
- support for the Redistribution Committee's proposal,<sup>40</sup>
  - changes should not be made to the boundaries of the Division of Cowan that existed at the start of the redistribution,<sup>41</sup>
  - retaining the existing boundary between the Divisions of Cowan and Pearce,<sup>42</sup>
  - retaining the suburbs of Bennett Springs, Darch, Kiara and/or Lockridge in the proposed Division of Cowan,<sup>43</sup>
  - retaining the suburbs of Beechboro, Kiara and Lockridge in the proposed Division of Perth,<sup>44</sup>
  - locating the City of Bayswater in its entirety in the proposed Division of Perth rather than splitting it between the proposed Divisions of Cowan and Perth,<sup>45</sup> or
  - placing most of the City of Stirling in the proposed Division of Cowan.<sup>46</sup>
100. Arguments provided by those expressing these views concerned the representative efforts of the current Member for Cowan and/or maintaining existing communities of interests. Several of those arguing the latter, pointed out where proposed electoral division boundaries could be altered by swapping suburbs between proposed electoral divisions. The augmented Electoral Commission observed that making these swaps could result in substantial changes to proposed electoral division boundaries which may not be compatible with expected future growth. An example of this concerned the locality of Bennett Springs, with arguments made that it shared no communities of interests with the proposed electoral division it was located in. While it was noted in the objection that consequential changes to two other proposed electoral divisions would be required to accommodate this movement,<sup>47</sup> the augmented Electoral Commission considered that expected future growth in and around the locality of Bennett Springs is likely to address the perceived problem of separation from shared communities of interests.

39 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., pages 42–43

40 IP3 – Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor indicated support.

41 This point was argued by OB2 – Jacoba Everada Tarry.

42 OB3 – Dennis and Jenny Ryle and OB4 – Paul and Ann Harkins were in support of retaining this boundary.

43 Arguments about the location of these suburbs were made by OB3 – Dennis and Jenny Ryle, OB4 – Paul and Ann Harkins, OB7 – Heidi Gomez, OB22 – WA Labor, COB2 – WA Labor and IP3 – Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor.

44 OB11 – Martin Gordon expressed this view.

45 This point was advocated by OB11 – Martin Gordon.

46 OB11 – Martin Gordon, OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division), IP2 – Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division), IP5 – Vince Connelly MP – Member for Stirling and IP6 – Martin Gordon argued in favour of this.

47 This view was expressed by OB22 – WA Labor.



101. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded that:

- the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound,
- any alternatives proposed or other adjustments necessary to accommodate these changes within the requirements of the Electoral Act would not result in an improved outcome at this time, and
- for these reasons, the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand unchanged apart from a minor realignment of the boundary between the proposed Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck to follow the Reid Highway, involving no elector movement.

### The boundary of the Division of O'Connor

102. On the electoral division boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Division of O'Connor needed to gain electors in order to meet the numerical parameters required by the Electoral Act. The Redistribution Committee further noted that the electoral division, bordered by the Great Australian Bight and the Northern Territory and South Australian borders, is limited to being able to gain electors from only four adjacent electoral divisions. Proposed alterations to the existing boundary of the electoral division were such that the proposed Division of O'Connor gained electors:

- from the former Division of Canning: the Shire of Boddington,
- from the former Division of Durack: the Shires of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Nungarin, Quairading, Tammin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn,
- from the former Division of Forrest: the Shire of Nannup, and
- from the former Division of Pearce: the Shire of Beverley.<sup>48</sup>

103. Several objections to the proposed redistribution and submissions made to the public inquiry argued that the Shire of Wiluna should be located in the proposed Division of O'Connor and not in the proposed Division of Durack.<sup>49</sup> Arguments supporting this change highlighted:

- making this change would not result in either of the proposed Divisions of Durack or O'Connor failing to meet the required numerical parameters of the Electoral Act;
- the Shire of Wiluna shares many communities of interests with the proposed Division of O'Connor, including similar primary industries; and
- the proximity of the nearest major service centres, with Kalgoorlie, located in the proposed Division of O'Connor, being some 530 kilometres away by sealed road and Geraldton, located in the proposed Division of Durack, being more than 700 kilometres away and including unsealed roads.

104. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Shire of Wiluna could be located in the Division of O'Connor. As this change would better reflect communities of interests and would continue to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved by moving the Shire of Wiluna from the proposed Division of Durack to the Division of O'Connor.

<sup>48</sup> Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, *op. cit.*, page 50

<sup>49</sup> This move was advocated by: OB14 – Shire of Wiluna, OB15 – Matthew Fisher, OB18 – Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils, OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division), IP1 – Laura Dwyer – Shire of Wiluna, IP2 – Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) and IP3 – Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor.

105. Other objections advocated:

- support for the addition of the Shires of Beverley, Boddington and Nannup, together with 15 of the Wheatbelt Shires from the Division of Durack, to the proposed Division of O'Connor,<sup>50</sup>
- the Shires of Meekatharra and Sandstone be located in the proposed Division of O'Connor and not in the proposed Division of Durack,<sup>51</sup>
- some or all of the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Boyup Brook, Collie, Manjimup and Nannup be located in the proposed Division of Forrest and not located in the proposed Division of O'Connor,<sup>52</sup> and
- the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup be located in the proposed Division of O'Connor.<sup>53</sup>

106. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that those objections advocating for further changes to be made to the boundaries of the proposed Division of O'Connor did not provide strong arguments as to why the advocated changes should be made and neglected to address the fact that these changes would result in the Division of O'Connor failing to meet the minimum numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. As the alternatives proposed did not meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, and additional adjustments would be necessary to accommodate the changes within the requirements of the Electoral Act, these changes would not result in an improved outcome at this time and would have significant consequential effects on the rest of the redistribution.

107. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand unchanged with the exception of transferring the Shire of Wiluna from the proposed Division of Durack to the Division of O'Connor and some minor boundary alterations to align with local government area boundaries.

### **The boundary of the Division of Pearce**

108. On the electoral division boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, a significant reduction in the number of electors in the Division of Pearce was needed for the Electoral Act's required numerical parameters to be met. In addition, these boundaries saw the Division of Pearce share boundaries with five electoral divisions required to gain electors, including the Divisions of Durack and O'Connor. The Redistribution Committee proposed altering the existing boundary of the electoral division such that the proposed Division of Pearce:

- transfer electors to:
  - the proposed Division of Durack – from the Shires of Chittering, Gingin, Northam, Toodyay and York plus the localities of Bullsbrook, Walyunga National Park and Avon Valley National Park;
  - the proposed Division of Hasluck – from the suburbs of Aveley, Baskerville, Belhus, Brabham, Brigadoon, Dayton, Ellenbrook, Henley Brook, Herne Hill, Millendon, The Vines, Upper Swan and West Swan, the balance of Middle Swan and Red Hill; and
  - the proposed Division of O'Connor – from the Shire of Beverley, and
- gain electors from the Division of Cowan – from the suburbs of Ashby, Darch, Cullacabardee, Gngangara, Hocking, Jandabup, Landsdale, Madeley, Pearsall, Sinagra, Tapping, Wangara and Wanneroo, plus part of Ballajura.<sup>54</sup>

50 Support was indicated by OB27 – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division).

51 OB15 – Matthew Fisher argued this point.

52 These points were made by OB8 – Ryan Spencer and OB15 – Matthew Fisher.

53 This was advocated by OB8 – Ryan Spencer.

54 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, *op. cit.*, page 52

109. One objection to the proposed redistribution supported the Redistribution Committee's proposed Division of Pearce.<sup>55</sup>
110. Another argued that the proposed boundary be amended to follow a pre-existing infrastructure boundary, the Tonkin Highway.<sup>56</sup> The augmented Electoral Commission noted that while this would split the suburb of Lexia across two electoral divisions, it would create a stronger, more readily identifiable boundary that did not involve the movement of any electors. As such, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved by making this amendment.
111. A number of objections to the proposed redistribution were in favour of altering the Redistribution Committee's proposal by:
  - the suburb of Wanneroo not becoming part of the proposed Division of Pearce,<sup>57</sup>
  - retaining some or all of the Shires of Beverley, Chittering, Gingin, Northam and Toodyay in the Division of Pearce,<sup>58</sup> and
  - retaining some or all of the suburbs of Bullsbrook, Burns Beach and Kinross in the Division of Pearce.<sup>59</sup>
112. These alterations were based on considerations of existing relationships between communities of interests and the changing nature of some local government areas as a result of ongoing development.
113. The augmented Electoral Commission observed that any alternatives proposed or other adjustments necessary to accommodate these changes within the requirements of the Electoral Act would not result in an improved outcome at this time and would have significant consequential effects on the rest of the redistribution.
114. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound and should be adopted without change, with the exception of:
  - the amendment to follow the Tonkin Highway in the locality of Lexia; and
  - a realignment to follow the local government area boundary between the Shire of Chittering and the City of Wanneroo, providing a more easily recognisable electoral division boundary.

## Movement of electors between electoral divisions

115. The Redistribution Committee noted it was required to increase or decrease the number of electors in at least 11 of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions. As not all of these electoral divisions were adjacent to each other, the Redistribution Committee observed it also needed to alter the boundaries of electoral divisions which met the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act in order to ensure that all of Western Australia's electoral divisions meet the numerical requirements.<sup>60</sup> As a consequence of making changes to 14 of the existing electoral divisions in Western Australia and abolishing one electoral division, the Redistribution Committee proposed transferring 299,927 electors, or 17.83 per cent of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the commencement of the redistribution, to another electoral division.<sup>61</sup>

55 OB22 – WA Labor indicated support.

56 This point was made by OB28 – City of Swan.

57 This was argued by OB5 – Tom Newburn and OB6 – Melissa Newburn.

58 Retention was advocated by OB9 – Steven Pitcher and OB25 – Shire of Chittering.

59 This point was made by OB28 – City of Swan.

60 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, *op. cit.*, page 24

61 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, *op. cit.*, page 8

116. The augmented Electoral Commission was also obligated to increase or decrease the number of electors in at least 11 of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions and to abolish one electoral division. As the augmented Electoral Commission adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal with some modifications, the number of elector movements between electoral divisions decreased from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
117. The adjustments to electoral division boundaries made by the augmented Electoral Commission resulted in 4,480 fewer electors moving between electoral divisions than those proposed by the Redistribution Committee. Table H outlines the extent of elector movements resulting from changes to the boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission. Noting the variable levels of population and enrolment growth across Western Australia, together with the ongoing uncertainty as to how this may vary over coming years, the augmented Electoral Commission notes that the next redistribution of electoral divisions may require more comprehensive movements of electors across the state.

**Table H: Summary of movement of electors between electoral divisions**

	Number	Percentage
Electors transferred to another electoral division	295,447	17.56%
Electors remaining in their electoral division	1,387,127	82.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,682,574</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

118. The Redistribution Committee's proposal to alter the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning would have affected 105,454 electors, or 6.27 per cent of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the commencement of the redistribution.<sup>62</sup>
119. As the augmented Electoral Commission has modified the Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries for the Division of Canning, 2,325 more electors will live in an electoral division where the basis for the name has been changed. Table I displays the number of electors affected by altering the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning.

**Table I: Electors affected by proposal to alter the basis for naming of an electoral division**

	Number	Percentage
Electors whose electoral division will have a changed basis for naming	107,779	6.41%
Electors whose electoral division will have an unchanged basis for naming	1,574,795	93.59%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,682,574</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

62 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 38

## Redistribution of Western Australia – by electoral division

120. For each of the electoral divisions in Western Australia, Table J presents:

- initial enrolment based on enrolment figures as at Wednesday 15 July 2020,
- percentage variation from the redistribution quota,
- projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025,
- percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota, and
- the approximate area of each proposed electoral division.

**Table J: Summary of electoral divisions following determination of the redistribution**

Electoral division	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020		Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025		Approximate area
	Number	Percentage variation from the redistribution quota	Number	Percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota	
Brand	110,508	-1.48%	119,561	2.33%	378 km <sup>2</sup>
Burt	105,989	-5.51%	113,126	-3.18%	190 km <sup>2</sup>
Canning	107,779	-3.92%	115,455	-1.18%	4,245 km <sup>2</sup>
Cowan	118,704	5.82%	119,491	2.27%	95 km <sup>2</sup>
Curtin	114,494	2.07%	118,531	1.45%	98 km <sup>2</sup>
Durack	114,330	1.92%	112,764	-3.49%	1,383,954 km <sup>2</sup>
Forrest	106,307	-5.23%	112,928	-3.35%	8,014 km <sup>2</sup>
Fremantle	109,269	-2.59%	115,628	-1.04%	194 km <sup>2</sup>
Hasluck	110,414	-1.57%	119,538	2.31%	1,323 km <sup>2</sup>
Moore	115,269	2.76%	117,309	0.40%	102 km <sup>2</sup>
O'Connor	114,035	1.66%	113,375	-2.96%	1,126,937 km <sup>2</sup>
Pearce	106,306	-5.23%	118,884	1.75%	783 km <sup>2</sup>
Perth	116,242	3.63%	118,518	1.44%	80 km <sup>2</sup>
Swan	114,942	2.47%	117,373	0.46%	151 km <sup>2</sup>
Tangney	117,986	5.18%	120,085	2.78%	102 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,682,574</b>		<b>1,752,566</b>		

121. Numerical summaries of the electoral divisions are provided in Appendix L. These summaries are provided to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

## Chapter 3:

# Implementation of the redistribution

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Western Australia.

122. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions described in this report came into effect from Monday 2 August 2021 as this is the day on which the augmented Electoral Commission published a notice in the Gazette determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia.
123. However, members of the House of Representatives will not represent or contest these electoral divisions until after a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.
  - electors will continue to be represented by the members of the House of Representatives who were elected at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 18 May 2019 or at a by-election held after that date,
  - members of the House of Representatives represent the electoral divisions which were in place at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 18 May 2019,
  - where relevant, allowances for members of the House of Representatives are calculated based on the electoral divisions in place at the most recent federal general election,
  - from Monday 2 August 2021, enrolment statistics will be published based on the electoral divisions described in this report,<sup>63</sup> and
  - from Monday 2 August 2021, members of the House of Representatives are able to request copies of the electoral roll for any electoral division which includes all or part of the electoral division for which they were elected.<sup>64</sup>

## When do the new electoral divisions apply?

124. While the new names and boundaries of electoral divisions apply from Monday 2 August 2021, elections will not be contested on these new electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

<sup>63</sup> Section 58 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner to publish on a monthly basis, via a notice in the Gazette, the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division, the average divisional enrolment for each state and territory and the extent to which each electoral division differs from the average divisional enrolment.

<sup>64</sup> Item 15 of sub-section 90B(1) of the Electoral Act specifies the information from the electoral roll which can be supplied to a member of the House of Representatives whose electoral division is affected by a redistribution.

## Do I need to do anything to change my electoral division?

125. Individuals do not need to take any action where their electoral division changes as the result of a redistribution. Section 86 of the Electoral Act requires the AEC to:
- transfer the elector to the new electoral roll, and
  - notify the elector their electoral division has changed.<sup>65</sup>

## For how long will the new electoral divisions apply?

126. Sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act provides that the new electoral divisions apply until the determination of the next redistribution via publication of a notice in the Gazette. This determination may be made as a result of sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

## On which electoral divisions would a by-election be contested?

127. By-elections are conducted using the electoral divisions which existed prior to the determination of the redistribution, as provided by sub-sections 73(6) and 73(7) of the Electoral Act.

## How do I find out if my electoral division has changed?

128. You can check your enrolment by using the AEC's online enrolment verification facility available at: [www.aec.gov.au/check](http://www.aec.gov.au/check) For privacy reasons, your electoral enrolment will only be confirmed if the details you enter are an exact match to your details on the electoral roll.
129. Alternatively, you can contact the AEC on 13 23 26 or use the 'Find my electorate' tool on the AEC website at: [www.aec.gov.au/electorate](http://www.aec.gov.au/electorate), which will enable you to find:
- which federal electorate you live in,
  - a profile and map of your electoral division, and
  - the name of the incumbent member of the House of Representatives for your electoral division.

## Do I need to know my electoral division to enrol or update my enrolment details?

130. No, all you need to do is provide the details of your residential address and the AEC will tell you which electoral division you are enrolled for. You can enrol by using:
- the AEC's online enrolment service available at: [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/),
  - completing and printing a PDF enrolment form available from the AEC website and returning it to the AEC, or
  - picking up an enrolment form at any AEC office and returning it to the AEC.

<sup>65</sup> Sub-section 86(3) provides for this notification to be via a notice published in a newspaper or a notice delivered to the elector's address.

Where can I find information about the new electoral divisions?

131. Maps and descriptions of the new electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Where can I find information about the electoral divisions which applied at previous federal elections?

132. Maps and descriptions of previous electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Is geospatial data for the new electoral divisions available?

133. Individual state/territory boundaries are available on the relevant redistribution page and on the Maps and Spatial Data page of the AEC website.



# Appendices

## Appendix A: Summary of compliance with legislative requirements

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
ss.68(1)	Maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution to be made available in each AEC office in the state	The required information was made available in AEC offices in Western Australia from Friday 19 March 2021
ss.68(1) and 68(2)	Invitation to peruse maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution and to make written objections and written comments on objections	Gazette notice published on Friday 19 March 2021 Newspaper notices were published in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The West Australian</i> and <i>The Weekend Australian</i> on Saturday 27 March 2021</li> <li>• <i>Farm Weekly</i> on Thursday 1 April 2021</li> <li>• <i>Koori Mail</i> on Wednesday 7 April 2021</li> </ul>
para 68(2)(a)	Objections close at 6pm on the 4th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections closed at 6pm AWST on Friday 16 April 2021
ss.69(2)	Objections made available for public perusal starting on the 5th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections were made available at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia and on the AEC website from Monday 19 April 2021
para 68(2)(b)	Comments on objections close at 6pm on the 6th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections closed at 6pm AWST on Friday 30 April 2021
ss.69(4)	Comments on objections made available for public perusal starting on the 7th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections were made available at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia and on the AEC website from Monday 3 May 2021
ss.72(1)	Consideration of all objections and comments on objections received by the statutory timeframe	The augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 31 objections and two comments on objections received
ss.72(3)	Inquiry/inquiries into objections held (if required)	An inquiry into objections was held in Perth on Friday 21 May 2021
ss.72(2)	Consideration of objections is to conclude before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections	Consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission was concluded on Thursday 3 June 2021

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
para 72(10)(b)	The augmented Electoral Commission announces the proposed redistribution	The augmented Electoral Commission announced its proposed redistribution on Friday 4 June 2021
ss.72(12) and 72(13)	Further objection period – if required	A further objection period was not required
ss.73(1)	Determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions published in the Gazette	The names and boundaries of electoral divisions were determined by a notice published in the Gazette on Monday 2 August 2021
s.74	Reasons for the determination are stated in writing	The augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for the determination are stated in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report

## Appendix B: Operation of statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to abide by the following requirements:

- make a determination of the names and boundaries of the electoral divisions in Western Australia by a notice published in the Gazette,
- ensure the number of electoral divisions Western Australia is divided into, equals the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Western Australia at a general election, and
- abide by the following requirements:

*(4) In making the determination, the augmented Electoral Commission:*

*(a) shall, as far as practicable, endeavour to ensure that the number of electors enrolled in each Electoral Division in the State or Territory will not, at the projection time determined under section 63A, be less than 96.5% or more than 103.5% of the average divisional enrolment of that State or Territory at that time; and*

*(b) subject to paragraph (a), shall give due consideration, in relation to each proposed Electoral Division, to:*

*(i) community of interests within the proposed Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;*

*(ii) means of communication and travel within the proposed Electoral Division;*

*(iv) the physical features and area of the proposed Electoral Division; and*

*(v) the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State or Territory;*

*and subject thereto the quota of electors for the State or Territory shall be the basis for the proposed redistribution, and the augmented Electoral Commission may adopt a margin of allowance, to be used whenever necessary, but in no case shall the quota be departed from to a greater extent than one-tenth more or one-tenth less.*

*(4A) When applying subsection (4), the augmented Electoral Commission must treat the matter in subparagraph (4)(b)(v) as subordinate to the matters in subparagraphs (4)(b)(i), (ii) and (iv).*

These statutory requirements are expressed generally in a hierarchical order.

The purpose of paragraph 73(4)(a) is suggested by its history. It has undergone some transformation since the *Commonwealth Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 1983* stipulated that boundaries were to be drawn, as far as practicable, to achieve equal numbers of electors in each of a state's electoral divisions three-and-a-half years after a redistribution. By 1984 'it was observed that the three-and-a-half year rule had in some areas forced the adoption, on purely numerical grounds, of boundaries which took little account of perceived community of interest'.<sup>66</sup>

<sup>66</sup> Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, 1995*, paragraph 4.3

Therefore, in 1987, the rule was relaxed to permit a measure of tolerance to plus or minus two per cent from average projected enrolment. Subsequently, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concluded that:

*the numerical criteria do not allow "due consideration", in the words of the Act, to be given to the qualitative factors. Rather, the political parties and others attempting to frame electoral boundaries essentially find themselves engaged in a mathematical modelling exercise. In order to relax the enrolment requirements to that extent necessary to allow a realistic degree of flexibility the Committee recommends ... that subsections 66(3)(a) and 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act be amended, so as to extend the variation from average divisional enrolment allowed three-and-a-half years after a redistribution from two to 3.5 percent.*<sup>67</sup>

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters also, in the same report, refers to its recommended amendment as one that 'would maintain substantial restrictions on malapportionment [and] would allow other legitimate policy objectives to be more effectively met'.

Paragraph 73(4)(a) follows this recommendation. The terms of the recommendation, and the discussion which preceded it, make clear the purpose of paragraph 73(4)(a), as it now stands, and how it was intended to interact with the other criteria set out in the sub-paragraphs of paragraph 73(4)(b), to which also 'due consideration' must be given. The augmented Electoral Commission has considered objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries and made its redistribution on this basis.

In summary, the primary criteria are to:

- endeavour to ensure that the number of electors in the proposed electoral divisions are within a range of 3.5 per cent below or above the projected enrolment quota at the projection time, and
- ensure that current enrolments are within 10 per cent below or above the redistribution quota.

The secondary criteria are community of interests, means of communication and travel, and physical features and area. The augmented Electoral Commission also considers the boundaries of existing electoral divisions; however this criterion is subordinate to the others.

<sup>67</sup> Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, op. cit., paragraph 4.11

## Appendix C: Objections to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia

Thirty-one written objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
OB1	Rinaldo Ienco	Division boundaries	Stirling
OB2	Jacoba Everarda Tarry	Division boundaries	Cowan
OB3	Dennis and Jenny Ryle	Division boundaries	Cowan and Pearce
OB4	Paul and Ann Harkins	Division boundaries	Cowan and Pearce
OB5	Tom Newburn	Division boundaries	Pearce
OB6	Melissa Newburn	Division boundaries	Pearce
OB7	Heidi Gomez	Division boundaries	Cowan and Pearce
OB8	Ryan Spencer	Division boundaries	Burt, Canning, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Hasluck, O'Connor, Pearce, Swan and Tangney
OB9	Steven Pitcher	Division names and division boundaries	Moore, Pearce and Stirling
OB10	Rebecca Stoffels	Other	Cowan and Pearce
OB11	Martin Gordon	Division names and division boundaries	Brand, Canning, Cowan, Perth and Stirling
OB12	Brenda Phipps	Division boundaries	Pearce and Stirling
OB13	Linda	Division boundaries	Stirling
OB14	Shire of Wiluna	Division boundaries	Durack and O'Connor
OB15	Matthew Fisher	Division boundaries	Durack, Forrest and O'Connor
OB16	P Putrino	Division boundaries	Curtin and Moore
OB17	Emeritus Professor Mike Daube AO Hon DSci FPHAA FFPH	Division names	Canning
OB18	Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils	Division boundaries	Durack and O'Connor
OB19	Ron and Annette Rowton	Division boundaries	Burt and Canning
OB20	Wilma Clare Endall, Graham John Endall and Gary Malcolm Endall	Other	Stirling
OB21	Sue	Division names	Cowan, Stirling and Tangney
OB22	WA Labor	Division names and division boundaries	Burt, Canning, Cowan, Curtin, Hasluck, Moore, Pearce, Stirling, Swan and Tangney
OB23	Matt Keogh MP	Division boundaries	Burt and Canning
OB24	Petition - 32 Signatures	Division boundaries	Burt
OB25	Shire of Chittering	Division boundaries	Durack and Pearce
OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	Division names	Moore and Pearce
OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	Division names and division boundaries	Brand, Canning, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Moore, O'Connor, Perth, Stirling, Swan and Tangney

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
OB28	City of Swan	Division boundaries	Cowan, Durack, Hasluck, Pearce and Swan
OB29	Lisa Thornton	Other	Stirling
OB30	Albino D'souza	Other	
OB31	Shire of Waroona	Division boundaries	Canning and Forrest

## Appendix D: Comments on objections to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia

Two written comments on objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to	Objections referred to in comment
COB1	Ron and Annette Rowton	Division boundaries	Burt and Canning	OB19 and OB22
COB2	WA Labor	Division boundaries	Cowan, Perth and Stirling	OB27

## Appendix E: Augmented Electoral Commission's response to themes contained in objections, comments on objections and in submissions to the inquiry into objections

**Table K: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the abolition of an electoral division**

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Division of Cowan be retained	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	the Division of Cowan will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
support for the abolition of the Division of Stirling	OB9	Steven Pitcher	the Division of Stirling will be abolished, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB22	WA Labor	
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the Division of Stirling not be abolished	OB1	Rinaldo Ienco	the Division of Stirling will be abolished, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB11	Martin Gordon	
	OB12	Brenda Phipps	
	OB13	Linda	
	OB29	Lisa Thornton	
the Division of Pearce be abolished	OB12	Brenda Phipps	the Division of Pearce will be retained and the Division of Stirling will be abolished, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
does not dispute the abolition of a metropolitan electoral division north of the Swan River	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	the Division of Stirling will be abolished, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

**Note:**

1. OB = objection received
2. COB = comment on objection received
3. IP = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Perth
4. Refer to Appendix C, Appendix D and Appendix F for full list

**Table L: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the names of electoral divisions**

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for amending the basis of the name of the Division of Canning to jointly honour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sadie Miriam Canning MBE; and</li> <li>• Alfred Wernam Canning</li> </ul>	OB17	Emeritus Professor Mike Daube AO Hon DSci FPHAA FFPH	as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the Division of Canning will be jointly named to honour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sadie Miriam Canning MBE; and</li> <li>• Alfred Wernam Canning</li> </ul>
	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	
	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
support for retention of the name 'Cowan'	OB21	Sue	the name of the Division of Cowan will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
the name 'Moore' be retired	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the name of the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
support for retention of the name 'Moore'	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	the name of the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the name 'Pearce' be retired	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the name of the Division of Pearce will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
support for retention of the name 'Pearce'	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	the name of the Division of Pearce will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour George Cyril Abdullah	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour Gloria Fay Brennan	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour Ken Desmond Colbung	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour Jack Davis	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee



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the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour Edward Harris	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore or the Division of Pearce be renamed to honour William Harris	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
a northern Perth electoral division be renamed to honour Yellagonga	OB26	Daniel Ortlepp	the names of the northern Perth electoral divisions will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
a merged Division of Moore and Division of Pearce be renamed to honour the Hon. Robert James Lee Hawke AC	OB9	Steven Pitcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the names of the Division of Pearce and the Division of Moore will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee; and</li> <li>the augmented Electoral Commission for Victoria has created a new Division of Hawke, named to honour Mr Hawke</li> </ul>
support for retiring the name 'Stirling'	OB21	Sue	the name 'Stirling' will be retired, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
did not dispute retiring the name 'Stirling'	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	the name 'Stirling' will be retired, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
support for retention of the name 'Tangney'	OB21	Sue	the name of the Division of Tangney will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
an electoral division be named to honour Mary Holman	OB11	Martin Gordon	no electoral division will be named 'Holman', as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Note:

1. OB = objection received
2. COB = comment on objection received
3. IP = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Perth
4. Refer to Appendix C, Appendix D and Appendix F for full list

**Table M: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the placement of electoral divisions and divisional boundaries**

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
a fresh election is arranged to give displaced electors the opportunity to vote for who represents them in their new electoral division	OB5	Tom Newburn	elections will not be contested on the new electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives
	OB6	Melissa Newburn	
	OB10	Rebecca Stoffels	
Western Australia should not be losing an electoral division	OB7	Heidi Gomez	<p>the objection was not based on a ground that could be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission in making a redistribution of electoral divisions. The augmented Electoral Commission came to this conclusion as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paragraph 59(2)(a) of the Electoral Act requires a direction to commence a redistribution be made forthwith after the making of a determination resulting in an alteration of the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the State at a general election, and</li> <li>• a determination altering Western Australia's number of members was made on Friday 3 July 2020</li> </ul>
the proposed redistribution is unfair to the State of Western Australia and the people of the Division of Stirling	OB20	Wilma Clare Endall, Graham John Endall and Gary Malcolm Endall	the objection was not based on a ground that could be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission in making a redistribution of electoral divisions
the population figures used to calculate the entitlement to members of the House of Representatives for each state and territory should be altered	OB29	Lisa Thornton	the objection was not based on a ground that could be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission in making a redistribution of electoral divisions. The augmented Electoral Commission came to this conclusion because sub-section 46(1B) of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner to use statistics that the Australian Statistician has compiled and published in a regular series under the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> when determining the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory is entitled to

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for the reduction in the number of Western Australia's members in the House of Representatives from 16 to 15	OB30	Albino D'souza	the augmented Electoral Commission notes the objection
the Jewish community of interests is considered in the placement of electoral division boundaries	IP4	Simon Ehrenfeld	the augmented Electoral Commission notes that community of interests within electoral divisions, including economic, social and regional interests, is only one of the factors required to be considered in the placement of electoral division boundaries
	IP5	Vince Connelly MP – Member for Stirling	
most of the City of Stirling be included within the one electoral division	IP4	Simon Ehrenfeld	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the City of Stirling will be placed in the Divisions of Cowan, Curtin, Moore and Perth, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Beckenham be located in the Division of Swan and the suburbs of Kenwick and Maddington be located in the Division of Burt	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Burt and Swan meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburbs of Beckenham, Kenwick and Maddington will be located in the Division of Burt, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the entirety of the suburb of Armadale be located in the Division of Burt and not be split between the Divisions of Burt and Canning	OB23	Matt Keogh MP	to address the community of interests, that portion of the suburb of Armadale located to the south-east of the intersection of Albany Highway and South Western Highway will be located in the Division of Burt, with the result that the entire suburb will be located in the one electoral division
	OB24	Petition – 32 signatures	
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
part or all of the suburb of Martin be retained in the Division of Canning	OB19	Ron and Annette Rowton	to meet the communities of interests of the different parts of the suburb of Martin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that part of the suburb of Martin located to the east of the Tonkin Highway will be located in the Division of Canning, and</li> <li>the part of the suburb of Martin located to the west of the Tonkin Highway will be located in the Division of Burt</li> </ul>
	OB22	WA Labor	
	COB1	Ron and Annette Rowton	
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the locality of Nanga Brook be retained in the Division of Canning	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to maintain the community of interests and to ensure the Division of Canning meets the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the locality of Nanga Brook, together with the rest of the Shire of Waroona, will be located in the Division of Canning
the Shire of Waroona remain in the same electoral division as the rest of the Peel region	OB31	Shire of Waroona	to maintain the community of interests and to ensure the Division of Canning meets the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shire of Waroona will be located in the Division of Canning
the pre-redistribution boundary of the Division of Cowan be retained	OB2	Jacoba Everarda Tarry	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundary of the Division of Cowan will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, with the exception of a minor realignment of the boundary between the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck
the pre-redistribution boundary between the Divisions of Cowan and Pearce be retained	OB3	Dennis and Jenny Ryle	to ensure the Divisions of Cowan and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundary between the Divisions of Cowan and Pearce will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB4	Paul and Ann Harkins	
supported the Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries of the Division of Cowan	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	the boundaries of the Division of Cowan will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Darch be retained in the Division of Cowan and not be transferred to the Division of Pearce	OB7	Heidi Gomez	to ensure the Divisions of Cowan and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Darch will be located in the Division of Pearce, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
most of the City of Stirling be located in the Division of Cowan	OB11	Martin Gordon	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the City of Stirling will be placed in the Divisions of Cowan, Curtin, Moore and Perth, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP5	Vince Connelly MP – Member for Stirling	
	IP6	Martin Gordon	

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the suburb of Bennett Springs be retained in the Division of Cowan	OB22	WA Labor	to ensure the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Bennett Springs will be located in the Division of Hasluck, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the boundary of the Division of Cowan be drawn so as to make the electoral division more marginal	IP4	Simon Ehrenfeld	the objection was not based on a ground that could be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission in making a redistribution of electoral divisions. To ensure that each of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Cowan will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Osborne Park be located in the Division of Curtin	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Cowan, Curtin and Perth meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Osborne Park will be split across the Divisions of Cowan, Curtin and Perth, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburbs of Carine, Trigg and Marmion be located in the Division of Curtin and not in the Division of Moore	OB16	P Putrino	to ensure the Divisions of Curtin and Moore meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, and as proposed by the Redistribution Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the suburbs of Carine and Marmion will be placed in the Division of Moore, and</li> <li>• the suburb of Trigg will be split across the Divisions of Curtin and Moore</li> </ul>
the suburb of Stirling be located in the Division of Curtin	OB22	WA Labor	the arguments offered were not substantive enough to warrant making consequential adjustments to surrounding communities of interests in order to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. The suburb of Stirling will be located in the Division of Cowan, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for the southern boundary of the Division of Durack	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	with the exception of transferring the Shire of Wiluna to the Division of O'Connor and some minor realignments to follow local government area boundaries, the southern boundary of the Division of Durack will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Shire of Nannup be located in the Division of Forrest and not in the Division of O'Connor	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Forrest and O'Connor meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shire of Nannup will be located in the Division of O'Connor, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB15	Matthew Fisher	
the Shires of Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Collie and Manjimup be located in the Division of Forrest and not in the Division of O'Connor	OB15	Matthew Fisher	to ensure the Divisions of Forrest and O'Connor meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shires of Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Collie and Manjimup will be located in the Division of O'Connor, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Orange Grove be located in the Division of Hasluck	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Burt and Hasluck meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Orange Grove will be located in the Division of Burt, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Orange Grove be located in the Division of Canning	OB22	WA Labor	to ensure the Divisions of Burt and Hasluck meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Orange Grove will be located in the Division of Burt, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP3	Tim Picton and Elie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the locality of Bullsbrook and surrounding areas be located in the Division of Hasluck	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Durack and Hasluck meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Bullsbrook communities will be located in the Division of Durack, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Bullsbrook communities be retained in the Division of Pearce and not located in the Division of Durack	OB28	City of Swan	to ensure the Divisions of Durack and Pearce meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Bullsbrook communities will be located in the Division of Durack, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the suburb of Maida Vale be retained in the Division of Hasluck	OB22	WA Labor	to ensure the Divisions of Hasluck and Swan meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Maida Vale will be located in the Division of Swan, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the Tonkin Highway forms the boundary between the Divisions of Hasluck and Pearce at the suburb of Lexia	OB28	City of Swan	after giving due consideration to the physical features of the area, the boundary between the Divisions of Hasluck and Pearce at the suburb of Lexia will be the Tonkin Highway, resulting in the suburb being split between the two electoral divisions
the suburb of South Guildford in its entirety be located in the Division of Hasluck instead of being split between the Divisions of Hasluck and Swan	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Hasluck and Swan meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of South Guildford will be split between the Divisions of Hasluck and Swan, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
supports the Redistribution Committee's proposed Division of Hasluck	OB22	WA Labor	with the exception of a small adjustment at the Lexia suburb boundary, the boundaries of the Division of Hasluck will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the northern parts of the suburb of Karrinyup be located in the Division of Moore	OB22	WA Labor	to ensure the Divisions of Curtin and Moore meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the majority of the suburb of Karrinyup will be located in the Division of Curtin, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the Divisions of Moore and Pearce be merged to form one electoral division	OB9	Steven Pitcher	<p>to ensure the Divisions of Moore and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the boundaries of the Division of Moore will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, with the exception of a minor realignment of the boundary with the Division of Curtin, and</li> <li>• the boundaries of the Division of Pearce will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, with the exception of a small adjustment at the Lexia suburb boundary and two minor realignments of the boundary with the Division of Durack</li> </ul>

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup be located in the Division of O'Connor	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of O'Connor and Forrest meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup will be located in the Division of Forrest, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Shire of Wiluna be located in the Division of O'Connor and not the Division of Durack	OB14	Shire of Wiluna	after giving due consideration to the community of interests, means of travel and physical features of the area, the Shire of Wiluna will be located in the Division of O'Connor
	OB15	Matthew Fisher	
	OB18	Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils	
	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP1	Laura Dwyer – Shire of Wiluna	
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	
the Shires of Meekatharra and Sandstone be located in the Division of O'Connor and not in the Division of Durack	OB15	Matthew Fisher	to ensure the Divisions of Durack and O'Connor meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shires of Meekatharra and Sandstone will be located in the Division of Durack, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
support for the addition of the Shires of Beverley, Boddington and Nannup, together with the 15 Wheatbelt Shires, into the Division of O'Connor	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	the Shires of Beverley, Boddington and Nannup, together with the 15 Wheatbelt Shires will be located in the Division of O'Connor, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the suburb of Wanneroo not be located in the Division of Pearce	OB5	Tom Newburn	to ensure the Division of Pearce meets all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Wanneroo will be located in the Division of Pearce, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB6	Melissa Newburn	
the suburbs of Kinross and Burns Beach be located in the Division of Pearce	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Moore and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburbs of Kinross and Burns Beach will be located in the Division of Moore, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee



Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Shire of Beverley be retained in the Division of Pearce	OB9	Steven Pitcher	to ensure the Divisions of O'Connor and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shire of Beverley will be located in the Division of O'Connor, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Shires of Gingin, Northam and Toodyay be retained in the Division of Pearce	OB9	Steven Pitcher	to ensure the Divisions of Durack and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shires of Gingin, Northam and Toodyay will be located in the Division of Durack, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Shire of Chittering remain in the Division of Pearce and not be transferred to the Division of Durack	OB9	Steven Pitcher	to ensure the Divisions of Durack and Pearce meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Shire of Chittering will be located in the Division of Durack, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB25	Shire of Chittering	
supports the Redistribution Committee's proposed Division of Pearce	OB22	WA Labor	with the exception of a small adjustment at the Lexia suburb boundary and two minor boundary realignments between the Divisions of Durack and Pearce, the boundaries of the Division of Pearce will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
some or all of the suburbs of Beechboro, Kiara, Lockridge, Morley and Noranda, part of the City of Stirling and part of the suburb of Dianella be located in the Division of Perth	OB11	Martin Gordon	the arguments offered were not substantive enough to warrant making consequential adjustments to surrounding communities of interests in order to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. The boundaries of the Divisions of Cowan and Perth will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB27	Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)	
	IP6	Martin Gordon	
supports the location of the suburbs of Kiara and Lockridge in the Division of Cowan	COB2	WA Labor	the suburbs of Kiara and Lockridge will be located in the Division of Cowan, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
supports retaining the suburbs of Stirling, Tuart Hill, Joondanna, Yokine, Coolbinia, Menora and Dianella, as well as parts of the suburb of Osborne Park, in the Division of Perth	COB2	WA Labor	the suburbs of Stirling, Tuart Hill, Joondanna, Yokine and Dianella, as well as part of the suburb of Osborne Park, will be located in the Division of Perth, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor	

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Division of Stirling should not be amalgamated with another electoral division	OB1	Rinaldo Ienco	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Division of Stirling will be abolished, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB13	Linda	
the suburb of Wilson should remain in the Division of Swan and not be transferred to the Division of Tangney	OB8	Ryan Spencer	to ensure the Divisions of Swan and Tangney meet the requirements of the Electoral Act, the suburb of Wilson will be located in the Division of Tangney, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Note:

1. OB = objection received
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3. IP = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Perth
4. Refer to Appendix C, Appendix D and Appendix F for full list

## Appendix F: Inquiry into objections

Six submissions were made at the inquiry held by the augmented Electoral Commission in Perth on Friday 21 May 2021.

No.	Participant
IP1	Laura Dwyer – Shire of Wiluna
IP2	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division)
IP3	Tim Picton and Ellie Whiteaker – WA Labor
IP4	Simon Ehrenfeld
IP5	Vince Connelly MP – Member for Stirling
IP6	Martin Gordon

## Appendix G: Constructing electoral division boundaries

The AEC maintains the electoral roll on the basis of alignment to SA1s, and is able to provide data on enrolments and projected enrolments at this level. Accordingly, in formulating its proposals, the augmented Electoral Commission used SA1s as its basic building blocks. The SA1s have defined boundaries and are of differing sizes and shapes. In cases where the augmented Electoral Commission considered that a particular SA1 boundary was inappropriate for use as an electoral division boundary, the SA1 was split to provide a more meaningful boundary.

The indicative area of electoral divisions in Western Australia has been calculated by aggregating the area of:

- all land-based SA1s;
- any parts of land-based SA1s; and
- any lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, wetlands or marshes not already included in land-based SA1s that are contained within the divisional boundary of each electoral division.

Areas are calculated using the AEC's Electoral Boundary Mapping System (EBMS), developed within the 'MapInfo Professional' software package.

The augmented Electoral Commission used EBMS as an aid to modelling various boundary options.

# Appendix H: Announcement of the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement of its proposed redistribution, issued on Friday 4 June 2021, is reproduced below.

## **Names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia decided**

The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia today announced the outcome of its deliberations on the names and boundaries of the 15 federal electoral divisions in Western Australia.

The Hon. Justice Susan Kenny AM, the presiding member, thanked the individuals and organisations who contributed to the redistribution.

"All written objections and comments, as well as the information presented at the inquiry in Perth, have been carefully considered in deciding the final boundaries," Justice Kenny said.

"The augmented Electoral Commission has unanimously agreed to modify the boundaries of 13 of the electoral divisions initially proposed in March."

As a result of these modifications, fewer electors will change their electoral division. Two electoral divisions, the Divisions of Brand and Fremantle, will now retain the same boundaries that were in place at the previous federal election.

The augmented Electoral Commission has unanimously accepted the Redistribution Committee's proposed abolition of the Division of Stirling, proposed electoral division names and many of the boundary changes initially proposed.

## **Electoral division boundaries**

The augmented Electoral Commission has modified the Redistribution Committee's initial redistribution proposal by placing:

- the suburb of Karnup and part of the suburb of Keralup in the proposed Division of Brand
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed transferring the suburb of Karnup and part of the suburb of Keralup to the proposed Division of Canning
- that part of the suburb of Armadale located to the south east of the intersection of Albany Highway and South Western Highway in the proposed Division of Burt
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed retaining this part of the suburb in the proposed Division of Canning
- that part of the suburb of Martin located to the east of the Tonkin Highway in the proposed Division of Canning
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed transferring the suburb of Martin in its entirety to the proposed Division of Burt
- the Shire of Waroona in the proposed Division of Canning
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed transferring the Shire of Waroona to the proposed Division of Forrest
- that part of the suburb of Lexia located to the east of the Tonkin Highway in the proposed Division of Hasluck
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed retaining the entirety of the suburb of Lexia in the proposed Division of Pearce

- the Shire of Wiluna in its entirety in the proposed Division of O'Connor
  - the Redistribution Committee had proposed retaining the Shire of Wiluna in the proposed Division of Durack.

The augmented Electoral Commission has also made a small number of minor alterations, involving no elector movement, to adhere to features or administrative boundaries as a means of providing more easily recognisable electoral division boundaries.

## Electoral division names

The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted all of the names proposed by the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia. This includes:

- retiring the name 'Stirling'
- altering the basis for the naming of the Division of Canning to jointly honour:
  - Sadie Miriam Canning MBE (1930–2008)
  - Alfred Wernam Canning (1860–1936)
- retaining the names of the 14 remaining electoral divisions.

## Next steps

The augmented Electoral Commission notes this proposal is not significantly different from the Redistribution Committee's proposal. Therefore, no further input from members of the public will be sought.

The names and boundaries of the federal electoral divisions for Western Australia will apply from Monday 2 August 2021 when a notice of determination is published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette*. Electoral events will not be contested on these new federal electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a full federal election.

Overview maps will be available on the AEC website on Monday 2 August 2021. Detailed maps and a report outlining the augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for its formal determination will be tabled in the Federal Parliament and will subsequently be made publicly available.

## Editor's notes:

- Initial proposal for the redistribution of Western Australia (19 March 2021)
- Written objections and comments on those objections are all available via the AEC website as well as a full overview of the augmented Electoral Commission's conclusions on objections.
- More information about the Western Australia federal redistribution
- Victorian federal redistribution: The augmented Electoral Commission for Victoria is currently deliberating on the names and boundaries of the 39 federal electoral divisions in Victoria.

# Appendix I: Determination of electoral divisions in Western Australia by the augmented Electoral Commission

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's determination of electoral divisions in Western Australia, published in the Gazette on Monday 2 August 2021, is reproduced below.

## **Determination of names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia: 2 August 2021**

As determined by the Electoral Commissioner on 3 July 2020, Western Australia is entitled to 15 members of the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (the Electoral Act), the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has determined the names of the 15 electoral divisions are:

- Brand
- Burt
- Canning
- Cowan
- Curtin
- Durack
- Forrest
- Fremantle
- Hasluck
- Moore
- O'Connor
- Pearce
- Perth
- Swan
- Tangney

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has determined that the boundaries of these electoral divisions are as shown on the maps displayed on the Australian Electoral Commission website at [www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions](http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions) and lodged in file number 2021/4129 at the National Office of the Australian Electoral Commission in Canberra.

The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has made decisions in accordance with the requirements of sub-sections 73(3), 73(4) and 73(4A) of the Electoral Act.

As provided for by sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, and subject to the provisions of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions determined by this notice will apply from 2 August 2021 until the next determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia is published in the Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette pursuant to sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

Pursuant to sub-section 73(6) of the Electoral Act, until the next following expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives the redistribution does not affect the election of a new member to fill a vacancy happening in the House of Representatives.

The Hon. Justice Susan Kenny AM  
Chairperson  
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## Appendix J: Comparison of Western Australian electoral division names

Category	Western Australian electoral divisions in this category as at Tuesday 16 February 2021	Western Australian electoral divisions in this category as at Monday 2 August 2021
Electoral division is named after one or more people	13 of 16 (81.25%)	12 of 15 (80.00%)
Electoral division is named after a man	8 of 16 (50.00%)	6 of 15 (40.00%)
Electoral division is named after a woman	2 of 16 (12.50%)	2 of 15 (13.33%)
Electoral division is jointly named	3 of 16 (18.75%)	4 of 15 (26.67%)
Electoral division is named after a former Prime Minister	1 of 16 (6.25%)	1 of 15 (6.67%)
Electoral division is named after a geographical feature	3 of 16 (18.75%)	3 of 15 (20.00%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal person or word	0 of 16 (0.00%)	1 of 15 (6.67%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal person	0 of 16 (0.00%)	1 of 15 (6.67%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal word	0 of 16 (0.00%)	0 of 15 (0.00%)
Electoral division name is that of an original Federation electoral division	3 of 16 (18.75%)	3 of 15 (20.00%)

Source: Data available at: [www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/electoral-names.htm](http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/electoral-names.htm)

Note:

1. Jointly named electoral divisions are those which have been named for a husband and wife, for a family or for a group of individuals with a common surname who may or may not be related.
2. Electoral divisions named for an Aboriginal word include those named for an anglicised version of an Aboriginal word.
3. Federation electoral divisions are those which were in place for the 1901 election.

## Appendix K: Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions

Determining the names of federal electoral divisions is part of the process of conducting a federal redistribution within a state or territory.

The criteria used by redistribution committees to propose the names of electoral divisions, and used by augmented electoral commissions to determine the names of electoral divisions, have previously been the subject of recommendations from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. From these recommendations, a set of guidelines were developed as a point of reference only.

It should be noted that redistribution committees and augmented electoral commissions are not bound by the guidelines.

### **Naming after persons**

In the main, electoral divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country.

When new electoral divisions are created the names of former Prime Ministers should be considered.

### **Federation Divisional names**

Every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation electoral divisions.

### **Geographical names**

Locality or place names should generally be avoided, but in certain areas the use of geographical features may be appropriate (e.g. Perth).

### **Aboriginal names**

Aboriginal names should be used where appropriate and as far as possible existing Aboriginal divisional names should be retained.

### **Other criteria**

The names of Commonwealth electoral divisions should not duplicate existing state districts.

Qualifying names may be used where appropriate (e.g. Melbourne Ports, Port Adelaide).

Names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons.

When two or more electoral divisions are partially combined, as far as possible the name of the new electoral division should be that of the old electoral division which had the greatest number of electors within the new boundaries. However, where the socio demographic nature of the electoral division in question has changed significantly, this should override the numerical formula.



## Appendix L: General description of how electoral divisions are constituted

The following tables show how each electoral division has been constructed and are intended to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

The unit to display this construction is Statistical Area 2s (SA2s).<sup>68</sup> Each SA2 comprises a number of SA1s. The SA1s and SA2s which applied at the 2016 Census of Population and Housing have been used. Some SA2s will appear multiple times in the following tables as they are not contained within the one electoral division but cover multiple electoral divisions.

Electoral divisions are displayed in alphabetical order.

### Division of Brand

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
Electors retained from the former Division of Brand		
Baldivis	21,753	25,881
Bertram – Wellard (West)	9,177	11,110
Calista	4,809	4,689
Casuarina – Wandi	4,507	5,664
Cooloongup	5,898	5,868
Hope Valley – Postans	53	74
Kwinana Industrial	18	18
Parmelia – Orelia	7,278	7,569
Port Kennedy	8,463	8,535
Rockingham	11,447	11,178
Rockingham Lakes	2	2
Safety Bay – Shoalwater	8,657	8,569
Singleton – Golden Bay – Secret Harbour	12,969	14,683
Waikiki	8,283	8,412
Warnbro	7,194	7,309
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Brand</b>	<b>110,508</b>	<b>119,561</b>
<b>Total for Division of Brand</b>	<b>110,508</b>	<b>119,561</b>

<sup>68</sup> SA2s are an area defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, and consist of one or more whole SA1s. Wherever possible, SA2s are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs and combinations of whole suburbs, while in rural areas they define functional zones of social and economic links. Geography is also taken into account in SA2 design.

## Division of Burt

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Burt</b>		
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	13,688	15,569
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	3,277	3,295
Camillo – Champion Lakes	3,752	3,794
Forrestdale – Harrisdale – Piara Waters	13,118	15,989
Gosnells	12,915	12,771
Huntingdale – Southern River	12,204	13,635
Kelmscott	7,154	7,152
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedforddale	2,074	2,003
Roleystone	0	0
Seville Grove	6,547	7,114
Thornlie	14,877	14,710
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Burt</b>	<b>89,606</b>	<b>96,032</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Burt</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning		
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	1,149	1,255
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedforddale	2	2
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Canning</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,257</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	8,243	8,538
Cannington – Queens Park	0	0
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	6,989	7,299
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>15,837</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Burt</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>17,094</b>
<b>Total for Division of Burt</b>	<b>105,989</b>	<b>113,126</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Burt to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Tangney		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	0	0
Canning Vale – East	12,913	13,771
Canning Vale – West	6,533	6,707
Canning Vale Commercial	1	1
Thornlie	0	0
<b>Total transferred to Division of Tangney</b>	<b>19,447</b>	<b>20,479</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Burt to another electoral division</b>	<b>19,447</b>	<b>20,479</b>

## Division of Canning

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Canning</b>		
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	297	658
Ashendon – Lesley	1	1
Byford	11,362	14,054
Dawesville – Bouvard	5,786	6,489
Falcon – Wannanup	7,142	7,549
Greenfields	7,258	7,063
Halls Head – Erskine	14,246	14,950
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	938	1,017
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	528	555
Mandurah	7,097	6,539
Mandurah – East	4,891	5,297
Mandurah – North	12,837	14,346
Mandurah – South	8,145	8,084
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedforddale	3,687	4,006
Mundijong	4,945	5,496
Murray	483	493
Pinjarra	6,882	7,153
Roleystone	5,288	5,475
Serpentine – Jarrahdale	3,005	3,185
Waroona	2,961	3,045
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Canning</b>	<b>107,779</b>	<b>115,455</b>
<b>Total for Division of Canning</b>	<b>107,779</b>	<b>115,455</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Burt		
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	1,149	1,255
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedforddale	2	2
<b>Total transferred to Division of Burt</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,257</b>
Electors transferred to Division of O'Connor		
Murray	1,161	1,123
<b>Total transferred to Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,123</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Canning to another electoral division</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,380</b>

## Division of Cowan

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Cowan</b>		
Alexander Heights – Koondoola	7,806	7,932
Ballajura	12,730	12,968
Beechboro	6,145	6,113
Girrawheen	5,481	5,394
Greenwood – Warwick	9,619	9,747
Lockridge – Kiara	3,537	3,363
Malaga	4	4
Marangaroo	7,169	7,203
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Cowan</b>	<b>52,491</b>	<b>52,724</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Cowan</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Perth		
Morley	9,320	9,334
Noranda	5,901	5,676
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Perth</b>	<b>15,221</b>	<b>15,010</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Stirling		
Balcatta – Hamersley	11,095	11,033
Balga – Mirrabooka	11,891	11,992
Dianella	8,618	8,776
Nollamara – Westminster	11,155	11,529
Stirling – Osborne Park	8,233	8,427
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Stirling</b>	<b>50,992</b>	<b>51,757</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Cowan</b>	<b>66,213</b>	<b>66,767</b>
<b>Total for Division of Cowan</b>	<b>118,704</b>	<b>119,491</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Hasluck		
Ballajura	0	0
Beechboro	3,388	3,383
<b>Total transferred to Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>3,383</b>
Electors transferred to Division of Moore		
Kingsley	780	763
<b>Total transferred to Division of Moore</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>763</b>
Electors transferred to Division of Pearce		
Ballajura	39	27
Beechboro	0	0
Joondalup – Edgewater	0	0
Madeley – Darch – Landsdale	18,088	20,464
Tapping – Ashby – Sinagra	7,750	8,133
Wanneroo	18,007	18,756
Woodvale	0	0
<b>Total transferred to Division of Pearce</b>	<b>43,884</b>	<b>47,380</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan to another electoral division</b>	<b>48,052</b>	<b>51,526</b>

## Division of Curtin

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Curtin</b>		
City Beach	5,088	5,262
Claremont (WA)	6,063	6,101
Cottesloe	5,829	6,004
Floreat	5,798	6,355
Herdsmen	0	0
Innaloo – Doubleview	12,431	12,659
Mosman Park – Peppermint Grove	7,243	7,580
Nedlands – Dalkeith – Crawley	11,833	12,087
Osborne Park Industrial	91	91
Scarborough	7,872	8,120
Subiaco – Shenton Park	11,828	11,957
Swanbourne – Mount Claremont	6,450	7,085
Wembley – West Leederville – Glendalough	11,312	11,512
Wembley Downs – Churchlands – Woodlands	10,010	10,560
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Curtin</b>	<b>101,848</b>	<b>105,373</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Curtin</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Stirling		
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	8,305	8,648
Scarborough	3,652	3,762
Trigg – North Beach – Watermans Bay	689	748
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Stirling</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>13,158</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Curtin</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>13,158</b>
<b>Total for Division of Curtin</b>	<b>114,494</b>	<b>118,531</b>

## Division of Durack

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Durack</b>		
Ashburton (WA)	2,942	2,522
Broome	6,479	6,419
Carnarvon	2,999	2,626
Cunderdin	0	0
Derby – West Kimberley	3,284	3,427
Dowerin	2,068	1,896
East Pilbara	814	805
Exmouth	2,349	2,468
Geraldton	8,574	6,699
Geraldton – East	5,466	5,594
Geraldton – North	5,400	5,711
Geraldton – South	6,615	6,860
Gingin – Dandaragan	2,351	2,422
Halls Creek	1,477	1,436
Irwin	2,654	2,670
Karratha	9,295	9,717
Kununurra	3,235	3,129
Meekatharra	886	808
Moorá	2,990	2,802
Morawa	2,404	2,179
Newman	2,324	2,461
Northampton – Mullewa – Greenough	3,761	3,241
Port Hedland	2,384	2,298
Roebourne	2,290	2,375
Roebuck	1,073	1,135
South Hedland	5,727	5,653
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Durack</b>	<b>89,841</b>	<b>87,353</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Durack</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce		
Avon Valley National Park	5	5
Bullsbrook	3,618	3,993
Carabooda – Pinjar	0	0
Chittering	3,920	4,408
Gingin – Dandaragan	3,582	3,658
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Northam	7,349	7,228
Toodyay	3,326	3,453
Walyunga National Park	1	1
York – Beverley	2,688	2,665
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Pearce</b>	<b>24,489</b>	<b>25,411</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Durack</b>	<b>24,489</b>	<b>25,411</b>
<b>Total for Division of Durack</b>	<b>114,330</b>	<b>112,764</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Durack to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of O'Connor		
Cunderdin	2,546	2,390
Dowerin	601	545
Kulin	5	5
Meekatharra	169	152
Merredin	3,294	3,284
Mukinbudin	1,926	1,795
York – Beverley	0	0
<b>Total transferred to Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>8,171</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Durack to another electoral division</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>8,171</b>

## Division of Forrest

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Forrest</b>		
Augusta	4,321	4,891
Australind – Leschenault	12,561	13,854
Busselton	19,886	21,523
Busselton Region	8,053	8,987
Capel	3,686	3,900
College Grove – Carey Park	4,453	4,464
Collie	0	0
Dalyellup	5,896	6,741
Dardanup	2,239	2,337
Davenport	23	23
Donnybrook – Balingup	4,333	4,502
East Bunbury – Glen Iris	5,116	5,000
Eaton – Pelican Point	8,262	8,525
Gelorup – Stratham	2,219	2,380
Harvey	6,345	6,624
Margaret River	6,245	7,019
Pemberton	0	0
South Bunbury – Bunbury	9,076	8,596
Waroona	0	0
Withers – Usher	3,593	3,562
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Forrest</b>	<b>106,307</b>	<b>112,928</b>
<b>Total for Division of Forrest</b>	<b>106,307</b>	<b>112,928</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of O'Connor		
Augusta	0	0
Pemberton	1,019	1,043
<b>Total transferred to Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,043</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest to another electoral division</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,043</b>

## Division of Fremantle

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
Electors retained from the former Division of Fremantle		
Banjup	11,956	13,609
Beeliar – Wattleup	5,970	6,673
Bibra Industrial	18	18
Bibra Lake	0	0
Bicton – Palmyra	5,168	5,212
Coogee	6,906	7,398
Coolbellup	5,896	5,966
East Fremantle	5,655	5,795
Fremantle	11,930	12,396
Fremantle – South	11,097	11,163
Hamilton Hill	7,803	8,070
Henderson	9	9
Jandakot	1,773	1,851
Murdoch – Kardinya	2,299	2,332
North Coogee	2,385	3,172
O'Connor (WA)	5	5
South Lake – Cockburn Central	7,924	8,056
Spearwood	7,729	8,065
Success – Hammond Park	9,558	10,562
Yangebup	5,188	5,276
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Fremantle</b>	<b>109,269</b>	<b>115,628</b>
<b>Total for Division of Fremantle</b>	<b>109,269</b>	<b>115,628</b>



## Division of Hasluck

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Hasluck</b>		
Beechboro	0	0
Belmont – Ascot – Redcliffe	0	0
Chidlow	2,037	1,963
Gidgegannup	2,116	2,180
Glen Forrest – Darlington	5,316	5,355
Hazelmere – Guildford	3,389	3,537
Helena Valley – Koongamia	4,171	4,423
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	8,128	8,189
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	7,515	7,811
Lockridge – Kiara	4,195	5,285
Malmalling – Reservoir	9	9
Middle Swan – Herne Hill	2,428	2,544
Midland – Guildford	7,031	6,737
Mundaring	9,666	9,865
Stratton – Jane Brook	4,769	5,059
Swan View – Greenmount – Midvale	9,008	8,957
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>69,778</b>	<b>71,914</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Hasluck</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan		
Ballajura	0	0
Beechboro	3,388	3,383
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Cowan</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>3,383</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce		
Beechboro	2,915	3,722
Ellenbrook	25,183	29,845
Gidgegannup	24	26
Lockridge – Kiara	13	19
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Middle Swan – Herne Hill	1,509	1,529
Stratton – Jane Brook	0	0
The Vines	7,604	9,100
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Pearce</b>	<b>37,248</b>	<b>44,241</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>40,636</b>	<b>47,624</b>
<b>Total for Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>110,414</b>	<b>119,538</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Burt		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	8,243	8,538
Cannington – Queens Park	0	0
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	6,989	7,299
<b>Total transferred to Division of Burt</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>15,837</b>
Electors transferred to Division of Swan		
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	12,345	12,626
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	3,377	3,338
Welshpool	0	0
<b>Total transferred to Division of Swan</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>15,964</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck to another electoral division</b>	<b>30,954</b>	<b>31,801</b>

## Division of Moore

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Moore</b>		
Craigie – Beldon	7,119	7,239
Currambine – Kinross	9,328	9,653
Duncraig	11,125	10,875
Greenwood – Warwick	0	0
Heathridge – Connolly	7,372	7,469
Hillarys	8,305	8,455
Iluka – Burns Beach	6,619	7,351
Joondalup – Edgewater	9,173	9,029
Kingsley	8,722	8,476
Mullaloo – Kallaroo	8,227	8,394
Ocean Reef	5,932	6,027
Padbury	5,822	5,823
Sorrento – Marmion	7,694	8,031
Woodvale	7,003	7,209
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Moore</b>	<b>102,441</b>	<b>104,031</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Moore</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan		
Kingsley	780	763
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Cowan</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>763</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Stirling		
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	6,761	7,043
Trigg – North Beach – Watermans Bay	5,287	5,472
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Stirling</b>	<b>12,048</b>	<b>12,515</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Moore</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>13,278</b>
<b>Total for Division of Moore</b>	<b>115,269</b>	<b>117,309</b>

## Division of O'Connor

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of O'Connor</b>		
Albany	10,563	10,330
Albany Region	2,491	2,665
Bayonet Head – Lower King	3,680	4,066
Boulder	4,090	3,957
Bridgetown – Boyup Brook	4,643	4,708
Brookton	2,588	2,391
Collie	6,278	6,203
Denmark	4,541	4,824
Esperance	7,995	7,996
Esperance Region	2,233	2,069
Gnowangerup	1,828	1,749
Kalgoorlie	7,451	6,949
Kalgoorlie – North	5,072	5,083
Kalgoorlie Airport	0	0
Kambalda – Coolgardie – Norseman	2,094	1,946
Katanning	2,714	2,545
Kojonup	2,689	2,468
Kulin	2,931	2,747
Leinster – Leonora	1,529	1,630
Little Grove – Elleker	2,537	2,764
Manjimup	3,757	3,646
McKail – Willyung	7,729	8,474
Murray	0	0
Narrogin	2,881	2,784
Pemberton	2,606	2,587
Plantagenet	3,599	3,733
Stirling Range National Park	0	0
Trafalgar (WA)	0	0
Wagin	3,466	3,389
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>101,985</b>	<b>101,703</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of O'Connor</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning		
Murray	1,161	1,123
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Canning</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,123</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Durack		
Cunderdin	2,546	2,390
Dowerin	601	545
Kulin	5	5
Meekatharra	169	152
Merredin	3,294	3,284
Mukinbudin	1,926	1,795
York – Beverley	0	0
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Durack</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>8,171</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest		
Augusta	0	0
Pemberton	1,019	1,043
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Forrest</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,043</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce		
York – Beverley	1,329	1,335
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Pearce</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>1,335</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>12,050</b>	<b>11,672</b>
<b>Total for Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>114,035</b>	<b>113,375</b>

## Division of Pearce

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Pearce</b>		
Alkimos – Eglinton	6,527	9,165
Butler – Merriwa – Ridgewood	14,075	14,965
Carabooda – Pinjar	522	587
Carramar	10,561	12,010
Chittering	0	0
Clarkson	8,313	8,998
Ellenbrook	0	0
Melaleuca – Lexia	2	2
Mindarie – Quinns Rocks – Jindalee	13,412	15,017
Neerabup National Park	4	4
Tapping – Ashby – Sinagra	613	647
Two Rocks	2,294	2,672
Wanneroo	23	27
Yanchep	6,076	7,410
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Pearce</b>	<b>62,422</b>	<b>71,504</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Pearce</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan		
Ballajura	39	27
Beechboro	0	0
Joondalup – Edgewater	0	0
Madeley – Darch – Landsdale	18,088	20,464
Tapping – Ashby – Sinagra	7,750	8,133
Wanneroo	18,007	18,756
Woodvale	0	0
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Cowan</b>	<b>43,884</b>	<b>47,380</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Pearce</b>	<b>43,884</b>	<b>47,380</b>
<b>Total for Division of Pearce</b>	<b>106,306</b>	<b>118,884</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Durack		
Avon Valley National Park	5	5
Bullsbrook	3,618	3,993
Carabooda – Pinjar	0	0
Chittering	3,920	4,408
Gingin – Dandaragan	3,582	3,658
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Northam	7,349	7,228
Toodyay	3,326	3,453
Walyunga National Park	1	1
York – Beverley	2,688	2,665
<b>Total transferred to Division of Durack</b>	<b>24,489</b>	<b>25,411</b>
Electors transferred to Division of Hasluck		
Beechboro	2,915	3,722
Ellenbrook	25,183	29,845
Gidgegannup	24	26
Lockridge – Kiara	13	19
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Middle Swan – Herne Hill	1,509	1,529
Stratton – Jane Brook	0	0
The Vines	7,604	9,100
<b>Total transferred to Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>37,248</b>	<b>44,241</b>
Electors transferred to Division of O'Connor		
York – Beverley	1,329	1,335
<b>Total transferred to Division of O'Connor</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>1,335</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce to another electoral division</b>	<b>63,066</b>	<b>70,987</b>

## Division of Perth

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Perth</b>		
Bassendean – Eden Hill – Ashfield	11,090	11,376
Bayswater – Embleton – Bedford	16,408	16,667
Kings Park (WA)	27	27
Maylands	8,671	8,733
Morley	4,992	5,104
Mount Hawthorn – Leederville	7,855	8,175
Mount Lawley – Inglewood	11,960	12,117
North Perth	6,775	6,842
Perth City	17,839	19,153
Stirling – Osborne Park	0	0
Yokine – Coolbinia – Menora	3,188	3,314
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Perth</b>	<b>88,805</b>	<b>91,508</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Perth</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Stirling		
Dianella	8,945	8,995
Morley	533	531
Stirling – Osborne Park	1,396	1,246
Tuart Hill – Joondanna	8,189	8,080
Yokine – Coolbinia – Menora	8,374	8,158
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Stirling</b>	<b>27,437</b>	<b>27,010</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Perth</b>	<b>27,437</b>	<b>27,010</b>
<b>Total for Division of Perth</b>	<b>116,242</b>	<b>118,518</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Perth to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Cowan		
Morley	9,320	9,334
Noranda	5,901	5,676
<b>Total transferred to Division of Cowan</b>	<b>15,221</b>	<b>15,010</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Perth to another electoral division</b>	<b>15,221</b>	<b>15,010</b>

## Division of Swan

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Swan</b>		
Belmont – Ascot – Redcliffe	9,158	9,094
Bentley – Wilson – St James	6,930	6,768
Cannington – Queens Park	9,172	9,533
Como	9,987	10,048
East Victoria Park – Carlisle	10,707	11,024
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	16	17
Hazelmere – Guildford	0	0
High Wycombe	8,290	8,360
Kewdale Commercial	2	2
Manning – Waterford	7,414	7,758
Perth Airport	0	0
Rivervale – Kewdale – Cloverdale	15,961	16,588
South Perth – Kensington	11,910	12,136
Victoria Park – Lathlain – Burswood	9,664	10,072
Welshpool	9	9
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Swan</b>	<b>99,220</b>	<b>101,409</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Swan</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck		
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	12,345	12,626
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	3,377	3,338
Welshpool	0	0
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Hasluck</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>15,964</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Swan</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>15,964</b>
<b>Total for Division of Swan</b>	<b>114,942</b>	<b>117,373</b>
<b>Electors transferred from the former Division of Swan to another electoral division</b>		
Electors transferred to Division of Tangney		
Bentley – Wilson – St James	3,712	3,802
<b>Total transferred to Division of Tangney</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>3,802</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from the former Division of Swan to another electoral division</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>3,802</b>

## Division of Tangney

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 15 July 2020	Projected enrolment as at Sunday 2 February 2025
<b>Electors retained from the former Division of Tangney</b>		
Applecross – Ardross	8,050	8,000
Bateman	2,575	2,543
Bentley – Wilson – St James	0	0
Bicton – Palmyra	5,294	5,524
Booragoon	10,244	10,368
Bull Creek	5,255	5,065
Jandakot	0	0
Leeming	7,930	8,018
Melville	12,204	12,842
Murdoch – Kardinya	6,176	6,307
Parkwood – Ferndale – Lynwood	9,080	8,914
Riverton – Shelley – Rossmoyne	9,105	9,332
Willagee	3,423	3,311
Willetton	11,306	11,408
Winthrop	4,185	4,172
<b>Total electors retained from the former Division of Tangney</b>	<b>94,827</b>	<b>95,804</b>
<b>Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Tangney</b>		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Burt		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	0	0
Canning Vale – East	12,913	13,771
Canning Vale – West	6,533	6,707
Canning Vale Commercial	1	1
Thornlie	0	0
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Burt</b>	<b>19,447</b>	<b>20,479</b>
Electors transferred from the former Division of Swan		
Bentley – Wilson – St James	3,712	3,802
<b>Total transferred from the former Division of Swan</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>3,802</b>
<b>Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Tangney</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>24,281</b>
<b>Total for Division of Tangney</b>	<b>117,986</b>	<b>120,085</b>





