



# Suggestion 19

City of Mandurah

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Redistribution Committee for WA  
Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Commissioner

### **Western Australian Federal Redistribution**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Western Australian Federal Redistribution, which is currently open to public suggestions. I understand that this review is being conducted in response to an upcoming reduction in the number of WA Federal Electorates from 16 to 15, to be implemented by the AEC in August 2021.

The City of Mandurah is currently part of the Federal Electorate of Canning. The Canning electorate has a current enrolment (July 2020) of 110,091, and a projected enrolment (February 2025) of 117,835. This places Canning within 10% of the current enrolment quota, and within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota.

The Canning electorate currently encompasses the entire Peel Region, which consists of the five local government areas of Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Waroona and Boddington. Canning also includes the Perth Metropolitan Region LGA of Armadale, as well as part of Gosnells and Kalamunda.

The City of Mandurah's long-standing position is that electoral district boundaries and LGA boundaries should align wherever possible. The City also supports the retention of all five Peel Region LGAs within the electorate of Canning.

In particular, a strong community of interest exists between the City of Mandurah and the Shire of Murray, with robust socio-economic links forged between the two LGAs. The City of Mandurah and Shire of Murray currently have a formal economic development partnership in place, and enjoy a symbiotic relationship focussed on industrial land development, labour force development, population settlement, transport corridors, tourism expansion and waterways protection.

Mandurah and Murray are connected by a population growth corridor and economic infrastructure that underpins the future prosperity of both communities. Projected growth in Mandurah and Murray will enhance this community of interest in the decades ahead.

In terms of potential boundary adjustments, it is noted that Canning's northern neighbouring electorate of Hasluck has an enrolment more than 10% under the current enrolment quota, and more than 3.5% under the projected enrolment quota. Similarly, Canning's south-eastern neighbouring electorate of O'Connor also has an enrolment more than 3.5% under the projected enrolment quota. Meanwhile, Canning's north-eastern neighbouring electorate of Pearce has an enrolment more than 10% over the current enrolment quota, and more than 3.5% over the projected enrolment quota.

This situation could potentially be alleviated by extending the Hasluck electorate southwards to incorporate the entirety of the Kalamunda LGA, and by ceding a portion of the Pearce electorate to the neighbouring electorate of O'Connor. This would reduce the size of the Canning electorate's enrolment, but still keep it within the required enrolment quota.

It is also noted that Canning's north-western neighbouring electorate of Brand has an enrolment that is close to reaching the projected enrolment quota threshold. Should the need to reduce Brand's enrolment arise, there may be some sense in transferring the City of Rockingham's southern localities (e.g. Golden Bay, Singleton, Karnup and Keralup) to the Canning electorate, as these localities share a strong community of interest with Mandurah and Murray.

The City looks forward to contributing further to the Western Australian Federal Redistribution process.

Yours sincerely



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