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# Objection 35

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**Comments on**

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**Proposed Boundary Changes**

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**And response to**

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**Revised enrolment projections**

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**WA Redistribution**

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Disclaimer: Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data provided in this submission, there may be instances of calculation or raw data errors.

Declaration of interest: The author is a member of a political party (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) and has contested both State and Federal elections as a candidate of that party.

## [Comment on the publication of revised enrolment numbers](#)

Whilst the AEC is to be commended for acknowledging the original enrolment projections for this Redistribution were flawed, and pushing back on the ABS, it should not have got to the situation where members of the public were the ones calling out the flawed data.

This should have been identified within the AEC BEFORE publication.

I also feel that all those who contributed submissions to this (and the Victorian) Redistribution(s), have been somewhat disenfranchised, as our original submissions were mostly unusable due to being based on the flawed projection data.

What the AEC should have done, on publication of the revised enrolment data, was effectively recommence both Redistributions, opening the submission windows again.

**It could be argued, and I would argue, that there is a case to be made that both the Victorian and WA Redistributions have not been executed in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act, as the public did NOT have the opportunity to make submissions based on the revised projected enrolment numbers.**

## [The Committee's proposal.](#)

I have no issue with the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee, nor the choice for the new Divisional Name of Bullwinkel.

Especially as some of the proposed boundaries exactly reflected my proposal.

## [Revised Projected Enrolments – how they're tracking.](#)

Current 9/8/2023		Projected 24/3/2028	Actual		Total Proj	% of Projected
Electoral division	Number of electors	Number of electors	31/05/2024	Growth	Growth	Already Grown
Brand	122,608	135,959	125,933	3,325	13,351	24.90%
Burt	116,852	127,708	119,735	2,883	10,856	26.56%
Canning	119,832	131,728	123,098	3,266	11,896	27.45%
Cowan	124,073	129,525	125,076	1,003	5,452	18.40%
Curtin	120,661	128,489	121,897	1,236	7,828	15.79%
Durack	123,278	127,659	127,243	3,965	4,381	90.50%
Forrest	116,614	123,141	119,301	2,687	6,527	41.17%
Fremantle	120,007	131,747	122,887	2,880	11,740	24.53%
Hasluck	122,855	136,470	126,522	3,667	13,615	26.93%
Moore	120,509	124,919	121,828	1,319	4,410	29.91%
O'Connor	120,803	123,236	122,756	1,953	2,433	80.27%
Pearce	119,233	133,344	123,130	3,897	14,111	27.62%
Perth	123,454	131,959	124,051	597	8,505	7.02%
Swan	122,417	132,227	122,878	461	9,810	4.70%
Tangney	122,930	127,734	123,476	546	4,804	11.37%
TOTAL	1,816,126	1,945,845	1,849,811	33,685	129,719	25.97%

The most recent enrolment figures published by the AEC are dated 31/5/2024.

This is approximately 296 days from the “Current” date of 9/8/2023.

There are approximately 1683 days between the “Current” date of 9/8/2023 and the “Projected” date of 24/3/2028.

Therefore, approximately 17.65% of the time has passed between the Current and Projected days.

As can be seen by the table above, neither the State as a whole, nor the majority of Divisions are close to that level of growth.

The larger two regional Divisions of Durack and O’Connor have already grown almost their entire expected growth over the 4 ½+ year window. They are the only 2 Divisions to exceed 50% of projected growth.

Next highest is the 3<sup>rd</sup> regional Division, Forrest, already with more than 40% of its projected growth achieved.

Seven of 12 current Greater Urban Perth Divisions sit within the +20% - +30% growth window, as does the State, as a whole.

Just two Divisions; Perth and Swan are growing at a rate significantly below projection. Tangney is also growing at a rate which I would consider to be well below its projected rate.

One can only conclude, based on the numbers to this point of the journey, that whoever estimated those projected enrolment numbers, has under estimated WA’s growth between the Current and Projected Dates. They have also massively under estimated growth in rural WA; significantly under estimated growth in much of greater urban Perth and overestimated expected growth in inner Perth.

This is totally consistent with what I find in other Redistributions.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting a different result.

Clearly, projected enrolment calculations have not worked, do not work, and will not work using whatever methodology is currently employed.

It’s time to embrace trend enrolment instead.

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