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Dear Committee Members,

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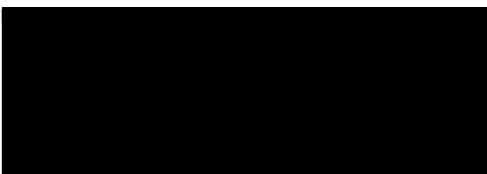
The Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) welcomes the opportunity to make a suggestion to the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia for the current Western Australian Federal Redistribution.

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

Our submission also addresses the naming of the 16th Commonwealth Electoral Division proposed for Western Australia.

The Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) would be pleased to provide additional information (including individual map image files) and make further submissions should the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia consider it necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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State Director

2023-24 REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

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LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA (WA DIVISION) SUBMISSION TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION 2023-24

Introduction

The WA Liberal Party welcomes the opportunity to put forward a comprehensive proposal for the redistribution of Western Australia into 16 federal divisions.

We propose to achieve this by minimising the transfer of electors between divisions. It is only two years since the requirements of the Constitution necessitated a redistribution that removed the 16th division, and it is thus appropriate to avoid further extensive change where possible.

- We have sought to use SA2s as the foundation for the boundaries of all divisions, only splitting them in limited instances and in fact reuniting several SA2s within the same division.
- When SA2s need to be split, this has been done based on locality and LGA boundaries.
- Current and projected enrolment for all 16 divisions fall within the designated quotas, while making use of lower and upper limits to maintain community of interest and minimise splitting of SA2s.

In developing our proposal, the Liberal Party has adopted a logical methodology, working inwards from the three entirely regional divisions of Durack, O'Connor, and Forrest, while also working outward from those urban divisions based on the Swan and Canning Rivers (Fremantle, Curtin, Perth, Swan and Tangney) together with the coastal divisions of Brand, Moore, and Pearce.

- Such an approach results in the creation of the 16th Western Australian division along the eastern fringe of the Metropolitan area, also incorporating the combined excess of the Durack and O'Connor divisions.
- It remains a firm principle that divisions should not straddle the main course of the Swan River nor the lower reach of the Canning River.

Wherever possible, Local Government Authority (LGA) boundaries have been aligned with divisional boundaries, although it is inevitable that some large LGAs will continue to be split between divisions.

- However, in our proposal the City of Melville would fall now entirely within the division of Tangney, and the City of Swan that currently spreads across four divisions would be encompassed within two.
- The division of Pearce is now entirely within the City of Wanneroo.

Under the Liberal Party proposal, the current divisions of Curtin, Perth, Pearce, Brand, Forrest, and O'Connor gain no additional electors and could therefore be said to experience minimal change.

- The divisions of Durack, Moore, Swan, Tangney, Fremantle, Burt, and Canning both gain and cede electors, amounting to moderate change.
- Only the current divisions of Cowan and Hasluck are significantly altered.
- Altogether, 86.0% of Western Australian electors will remain in their current divisions.

Proposed Divisions

BRAND

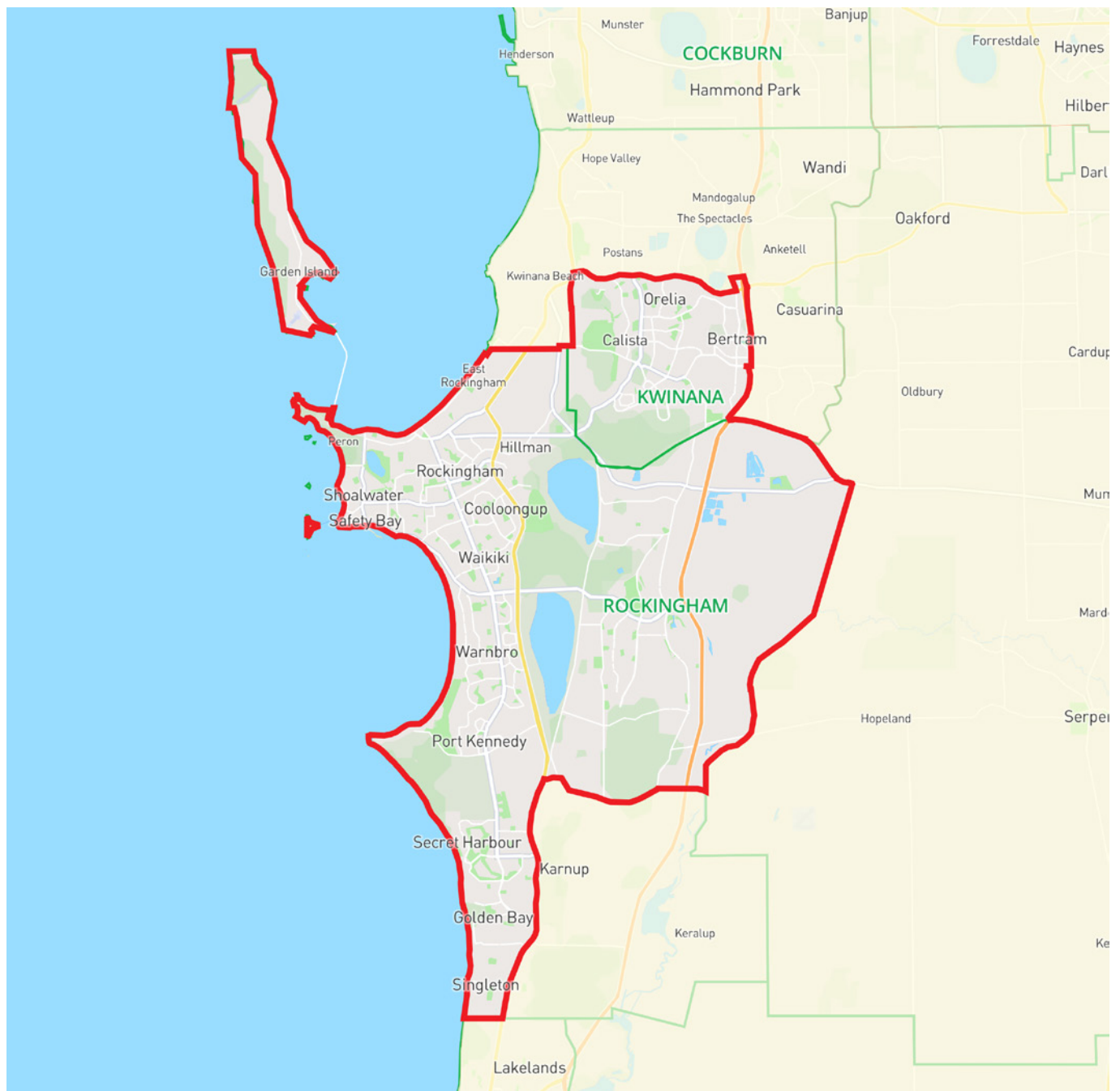
We suggest transferring the Casuarina-Wandi, Hope Valley-Postans, and Kwinana Industrial SA2s, (6196 electors) to the proposed division of Fremantle.

- The 'Trade Coast' that comprises the Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham LGAs already encompasses the divisions of both Brand and Fremantle, so this southward extension of Fremantle does not disrupt community of interest.
- In addition, the Karnup SA2 (1409 electors) would be ceded to the proposed division of Canning. Residential land use in this SA2 is similar to the adjacent section of the division of Canning.
- This will bring the division of Brand within quota with minimal disruption of electors.

2028 projected enrolment: 122,972

+ 1.1% from quota

2023 enrolment: 115,498



BURT

This division needs to cede and gain a limited number of electors overall to bring it closer to the 2028 quota, and to enable adjacent divisions to fall within quota.

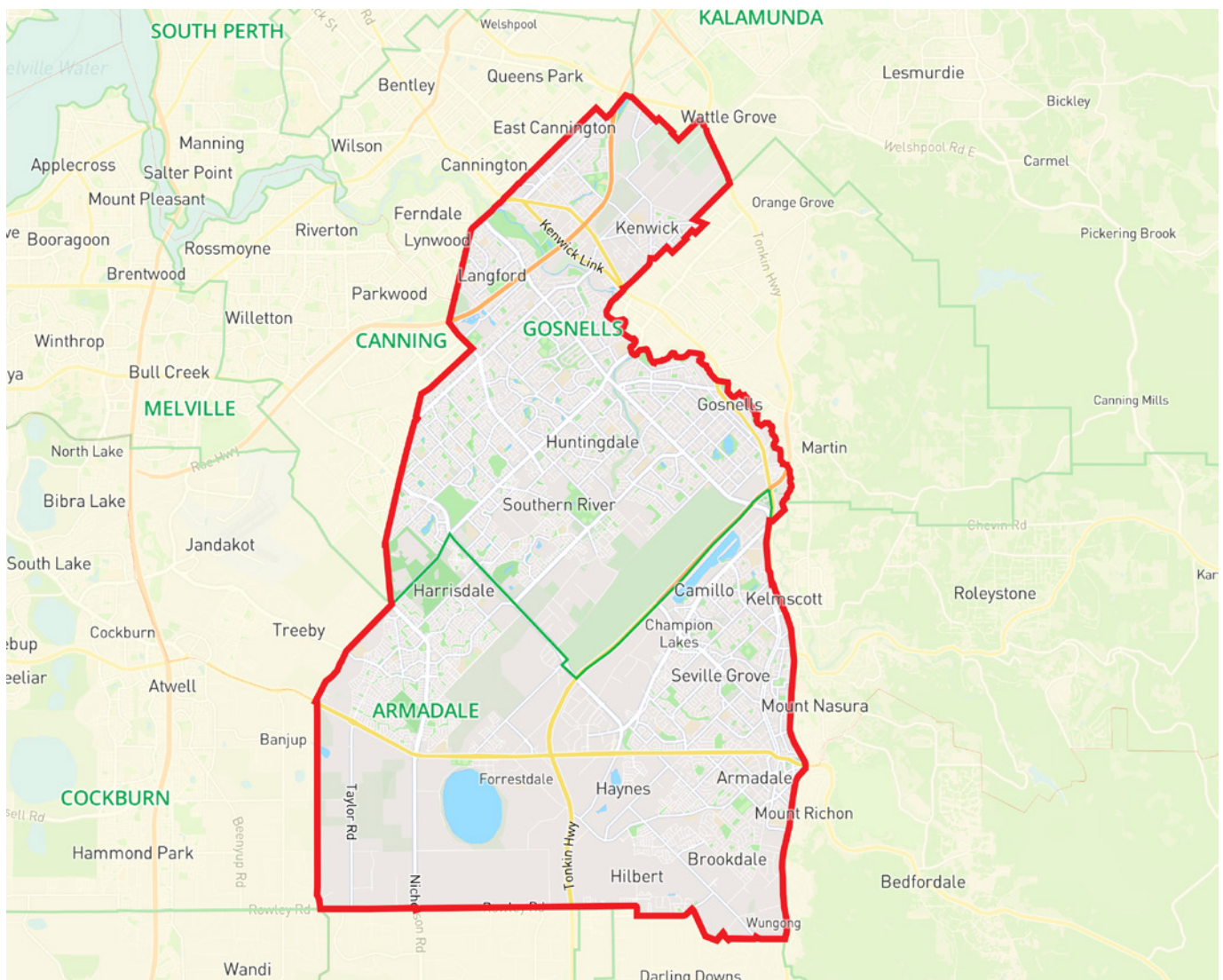
The proposed division of Burt would gain 14,753 projected electors in the Canning Vale East SA2 from the division of Tangney.

- Canning Vale is a very large locality that has previously been split into three SA2s, has long been divided by two LGAs, and is regularly split between state electorates.
- Nicholson Road already forms both the SA2 boundary and the boundary between the Cities of Canning and Gosnells. Our proposal would have the effect of consolidating another substantial part of the City of Gosnells within the division of Burt.

Burt would cede a slightly greater number of electors on its eastern boundary to the new 16th division (that the Liberal Party proposes be named Court). This includes:

- Its portions of the Maddington-Orange Grove-Martin and Mount Nasura-Mount Richon-Bedforddale SA2s, together with that part of the Kelmscott SA2 lying east of Albany Highway—a total of 16,624 projected electors.
- The eastern boundary of Burt would thus run southward along the Maddington locality boundary, the Canning River, and Albany Highway, creating a firm line of demarcation.

2028 projected enrolment: 123,956 + 1.9% from quota 2023 enrolment: 115,082



CANNING

This division has well defined boundaries, based on the Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Mandurah, Murray, and Waroona LGAs, but must gain limited numbers of electors from the divisions of Brand and Forrest, to keep them within the projected quota, while ceding a greater number of electors in the north-east of the division.

It is proposed that in addition to the 1409 projected electors in the Karnup SA2 from the division of Brand, Canning gains 1334 electors from the division of Forrest, in the localities of Myalup, Yarloop and Cookernup.

- These are contained in five SA1s within the Harvey SA2: 101412, 101413, 101414, 101415, and 101424.

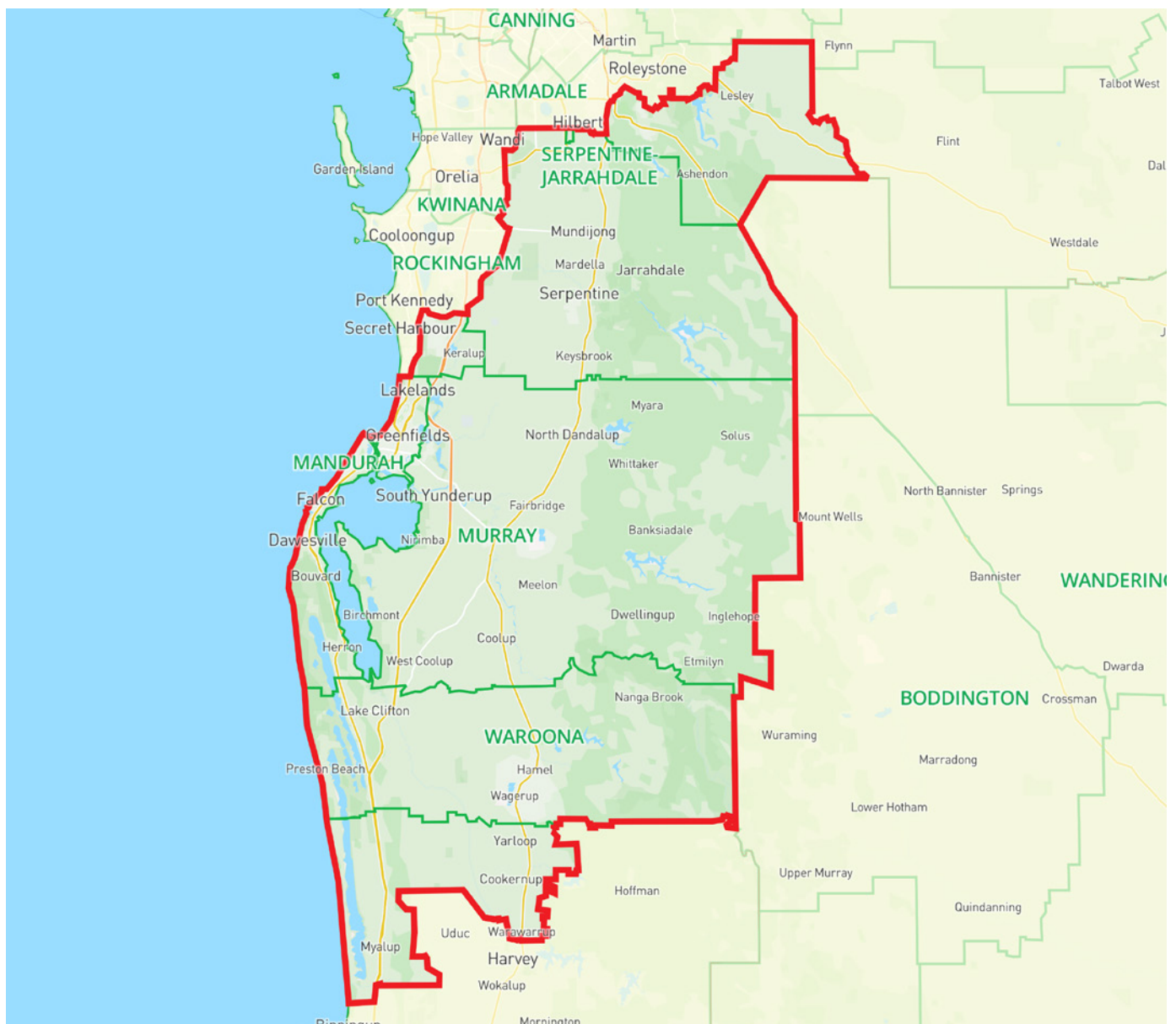
Canning would cede to the new 16th division, the SA2s of Maddington-Orange Grove-Martin, Lesmurdie-Bickley-Carmel, and Roleystone. The two first SA2s that are currently split will now be united in the same division.

- Altogether, Canning would cede 7406 projected electors to the proposed division of Court.

2028 projected enrolment: 123,762

+ 1.8% from quota

2023 enrolment: 114,966



COWAN

This medium-suburban division logically expands west and north, as the divisions of Moore and Pearce need to contract. It is proposed to leave the southern border with the division of Perth unchanged. Accordingly, Cowan will contract substantially on its eastern side.

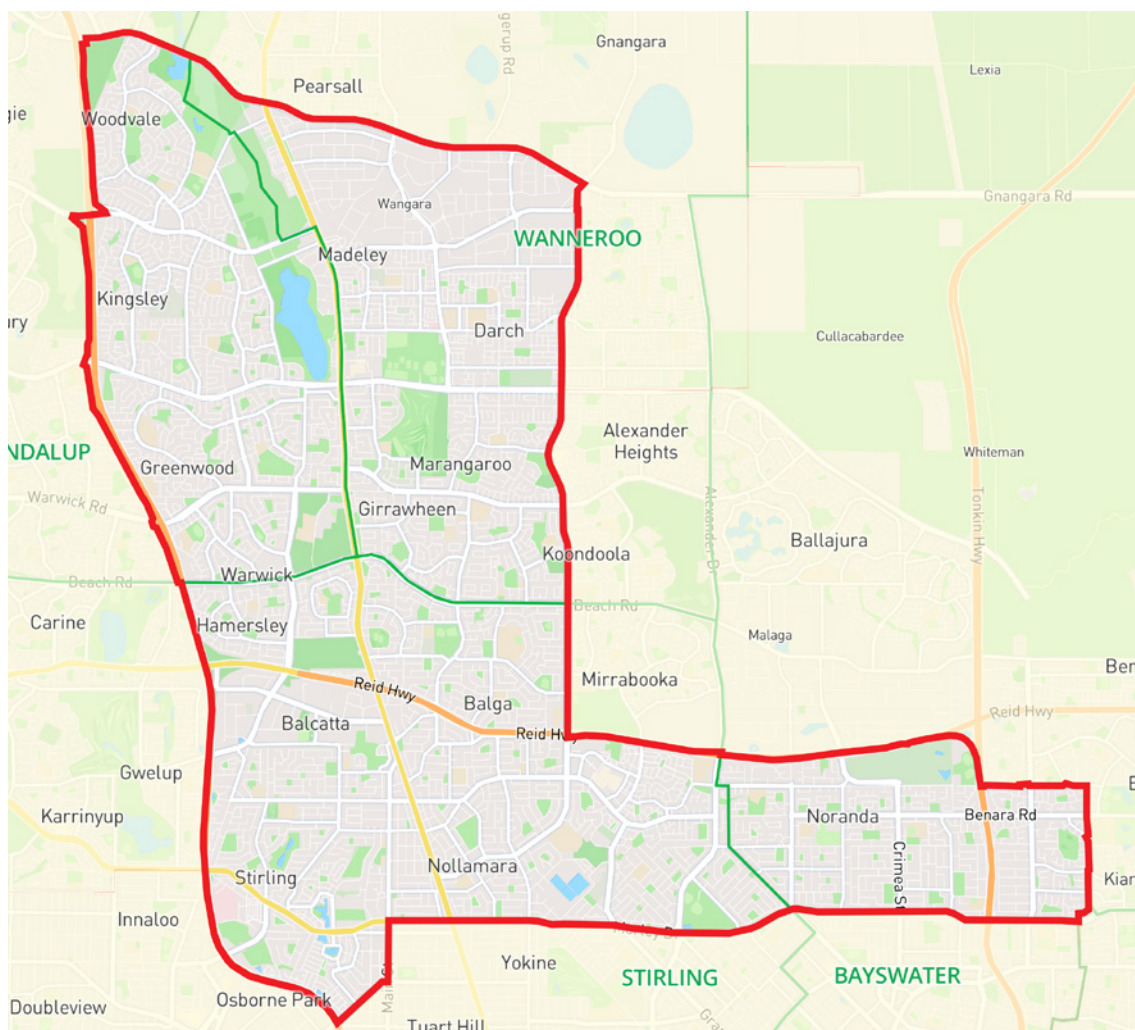
Cowan would gain the SA2s of Kingsley and Woodvale from Moore and the Madeley-Darch SA2 from Pearce, a total of 28,523 projected electors.

- The localities of Kingsley, Woodvale, Madeley and Darch have an historic community of interest with the southern section of the City of Wanneroo and with the adjacent locality of Greenwood. These localities were included in the division of Cowan prior to the 2016 election (Kingsley and Woodvale) or the 2022 election (Madeley and Darch).

It is proposed that Cowan cede the SA2s of Alexander Heights-Koondoola, Ballajura, Malaga, Beechboro, and Lockridge-Kiara, together with the locality of Mirrabooka from the Balga-Mirrabooka SA2. These 37,996 projected electors would be transferred to the division of Hasluck.

- The eastern boundary of Cowan would run southward and eastward along Mirrabooka Avenue, Reid Highway, Tonkin Highway, and the northern and eastern boundary of the locality of Morley (also the boundary of the Morley SA2).
- This also forms the boundary between the City of Bayswater and the City of Swan, the latter now entirely removed from the proposed division of Cowan.
- The Beechboro and Lockridge-Kiara SA2s would no longer be split between divisions.

2028 projected enrolment: 123,361 **+ 1.4% from quota** **2023 enrolment: 114,855**

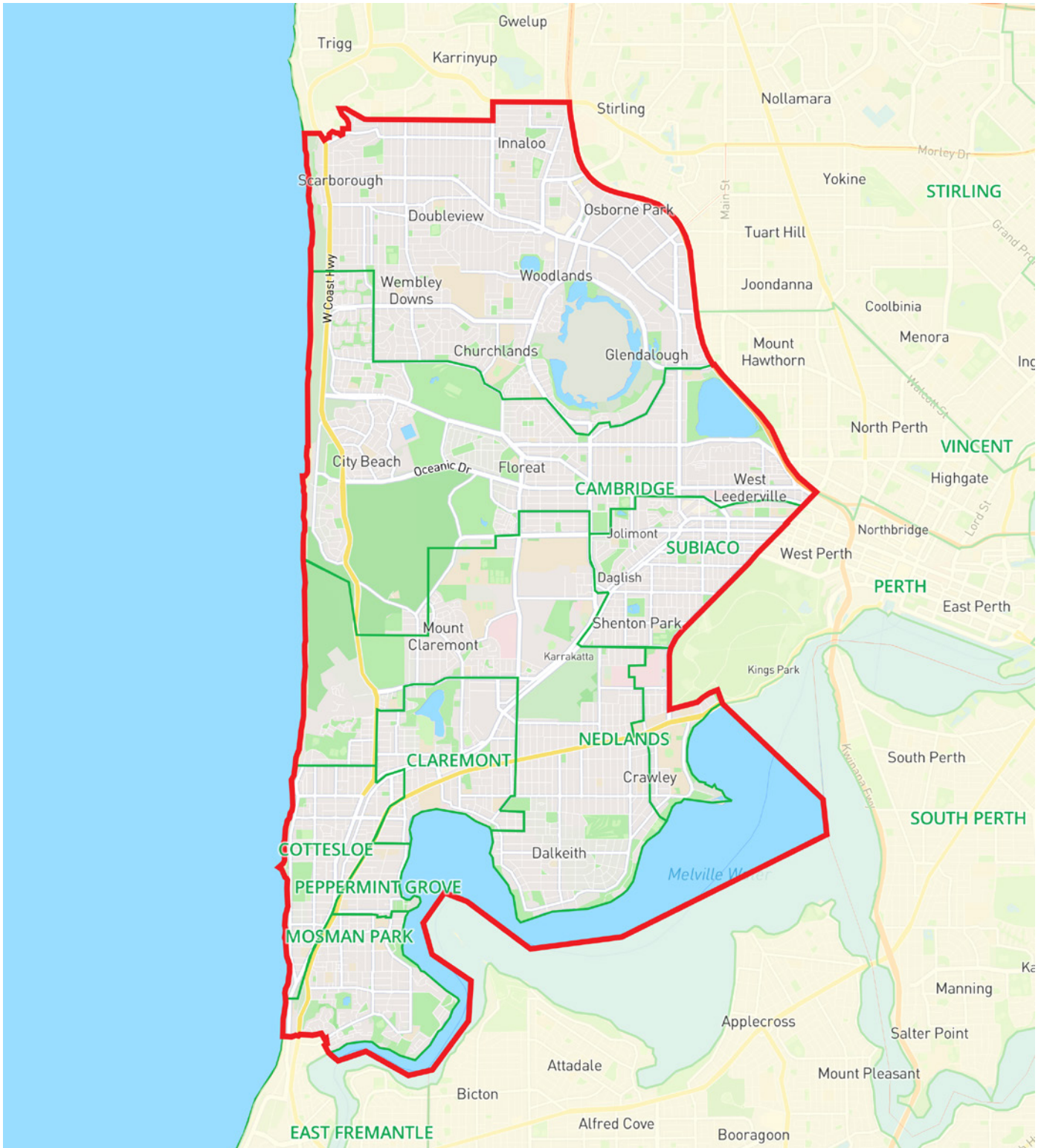


CURTIN

This division most logically contracts southwards, so that those sections of the Karrinyup-Gwelup-Carine and the Trigg-North Beach-Waterman’s Bay SA2s currently within the division of Curtin are transferred to the division of Moore.

- The northern boundaries of the localities of Scarborough, Doubleview and Innaloo would form the boundary between Curtin and Moore, leaving the localities of Trigg, Karrinyup, and Gwelup entirely within the division of Moore.

2028 projected enrolment: 120,580 - 0.9% from quota 2023 enrolment: 111,597



DURACK

In conjunction with the division of O'Connor, Durack needs to cede some 15,000 projected electors to a metropolitan-based division. To avoid creating an eastern metropolitan division that stretches excessively on a north-south axis, it is proposed that the SA2s of Northam and York-Beverley (in preference to the Toodyay and Gingin SA2s) again be included in a part-urban division.

- The Shires of Northam and York, with 11,628 projected electors, would be ceded to the new 16th WA division (Court).
- To remove the division of Durack entirely from the Metropolitan area and the City of Swan, the Bullsbrook, Avon Valley National Park, and Walyunga National Park SA2s with 4314 electors would also be ceded to the 16th division.
- Durack would in turn gain the remaining section of the Dowerin SA2 and the Cunderdin SA2 from O'Connor, comprising the Shires of Koorda, Wyalkatchem, Cunderdin, Tammin, Kellerberrin, and Quairading, with a total of 3545 projected electors. The Dowerin SA2 would thus be reunited within the same division.
- Durack would also gain 1145 projected electors in the Shires of Trayning, Mount Marshall, Nungarin, and Mukinbudin from the Mukinbudin SA2 from the division of O'Connor. The eastern boundaries of the latter three shires forms a strong continuous divisional boundary.

2028 projected enrolment: 119,728 - 1.6% from quota 2023 enrolment: 112,712



FORREST

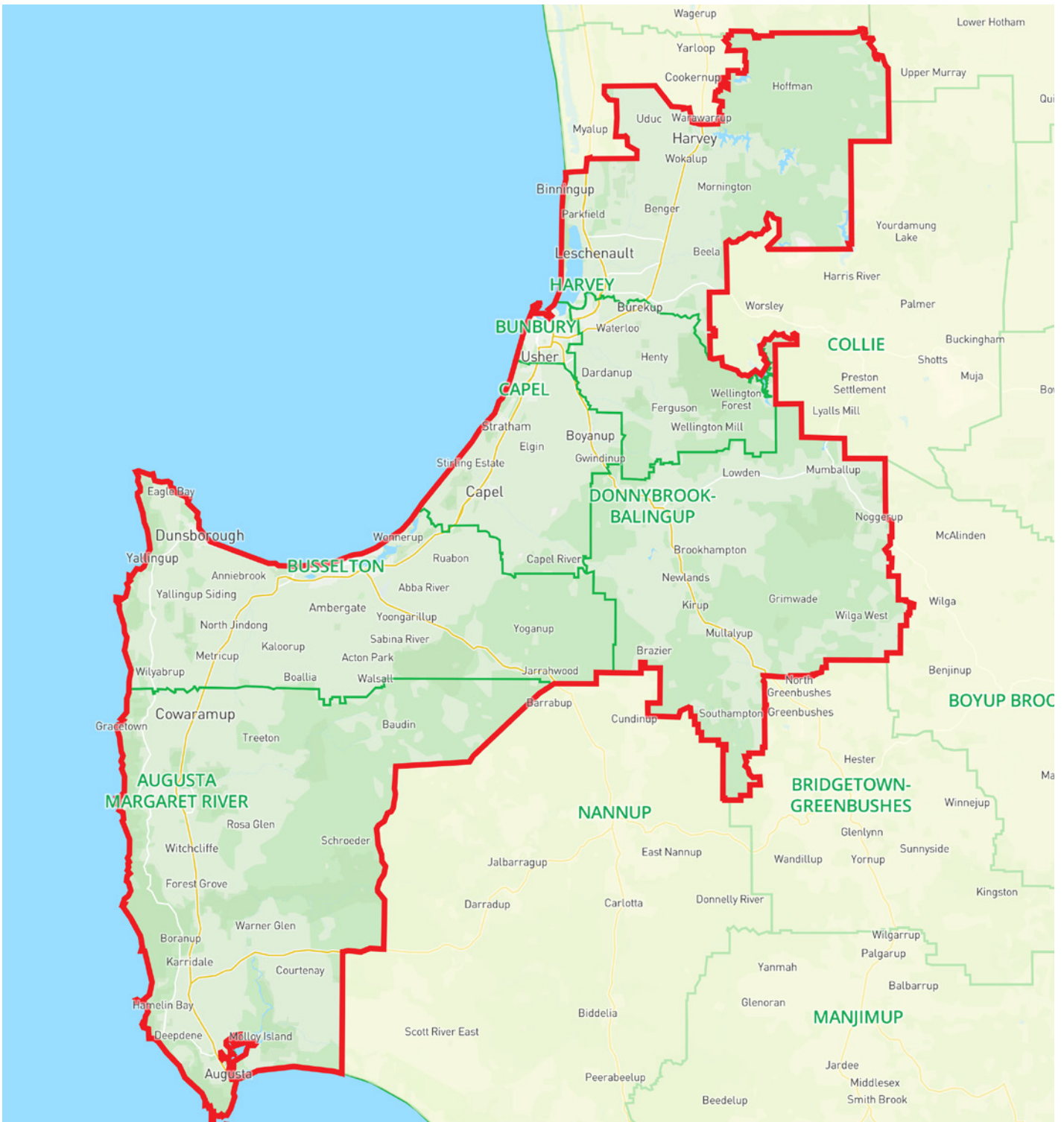
Although within quota on 2028 projected enrolments, it is desirable to bring its enrolment down from the upper limit while minimising the transfer of electors and otherwise maintaining the firm current boundaries of Forrest.

- Therefore 1334 electors in the five SA1s in the Harvey SA2 described earlier, covering the localities of Myalup, Yarloop and Cookernup, would be transferred to the division of Canning.
- While we have sought to avoid the splitting of LGAs, it is noted that the Harvey Shire is frequently split between electorates at state level.

2028 projected enrolment: 123,374

+ 1.4% from quota

2023 enrolment: 115,378

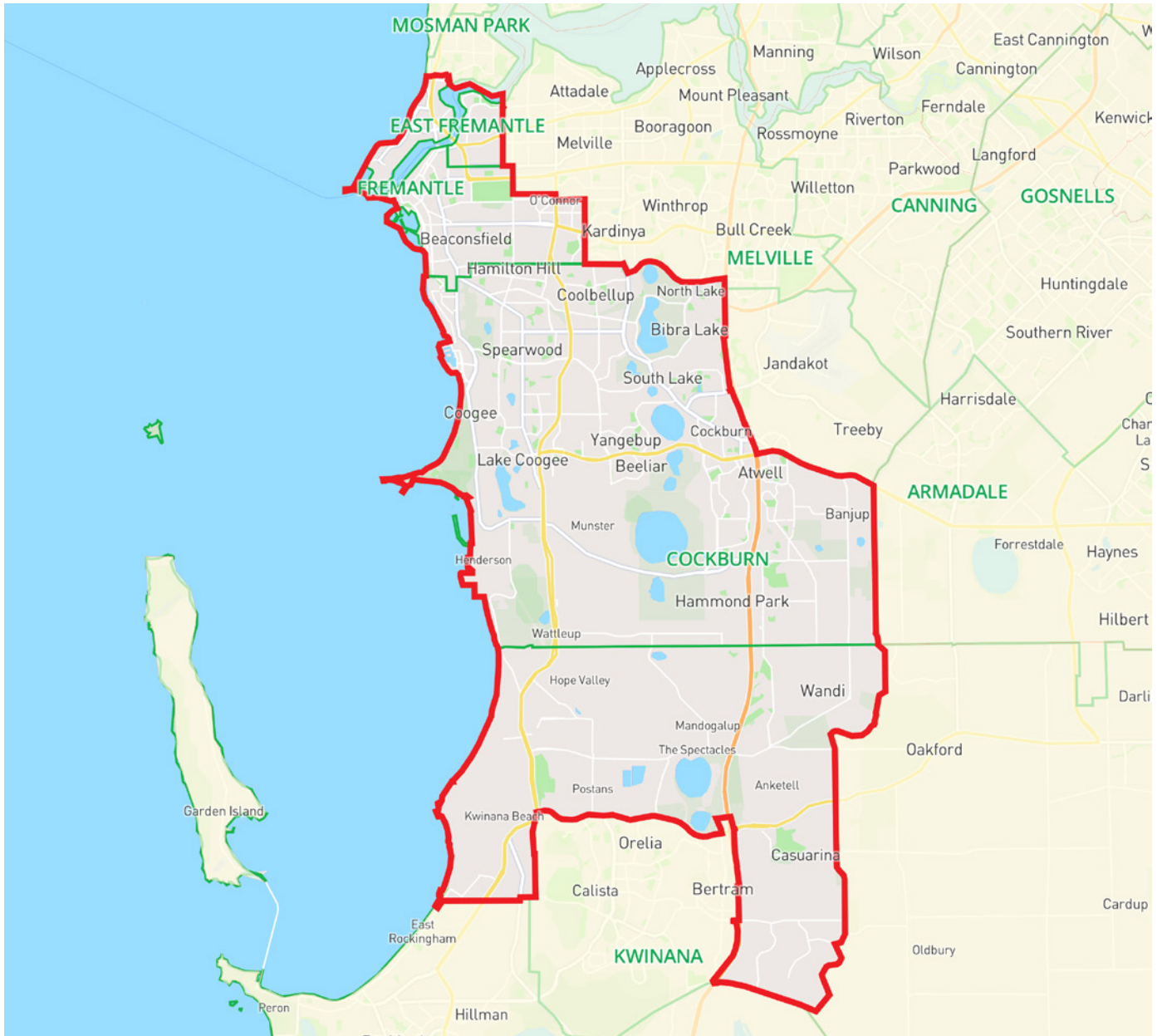


FREMANTLE

It is proposed that the division of Fremantle extend due southward to include the Casuarina-Wandi, Hope Valley-Postans, and Kwinana Industrial SA2s as previously described, while ceding projected electors to the proposed division of Tangney.

- The Jandakot SA2, together with that part of the Banjup SA2 covering the locality of Treeby, together containing 5418 projected electors, would be transferred to the division of Tangney.
- The eastern boundary of the division of Fremantle would run southwards along the Kwinana Freeway, and eastward along Armadale Road, then returning to the current south-eastern boundary of the division.
- That part of the Bicton-Palmyra SA2 within the division of Fremantle with 6073 electors would be transferred to the division of Tangney.
- That part of the Murdoch-Kardinya SA2 (2676 electors) within the division of Fremantle would be transferred to the division of Tangney. These two transfers would have the effect of aligning the boundary of the City of Melville with the north-eastern boundary of the division of Fremantle.

2028 projected enrolment: 121,458 - 0.1% from quota 2023 enrolment: 112,714



HASLUCK

The westward contraction of the divisions of Cowan and Perth necessitate a major transfer of electors to the division of Hasluck, that would in turn contract to an eastern suburban division based on an axis of Ellenbrook and Midland within the City of Swan, shedding its peri-urban component.

- It would also include the entire Town of Bassendean, that has a long-standing community of interest with Midland. From 1990-2001, both were included in the same division (Perth).
- The eastern section of the current division of Hasluck would subsequently form the core of the 16th WA division.

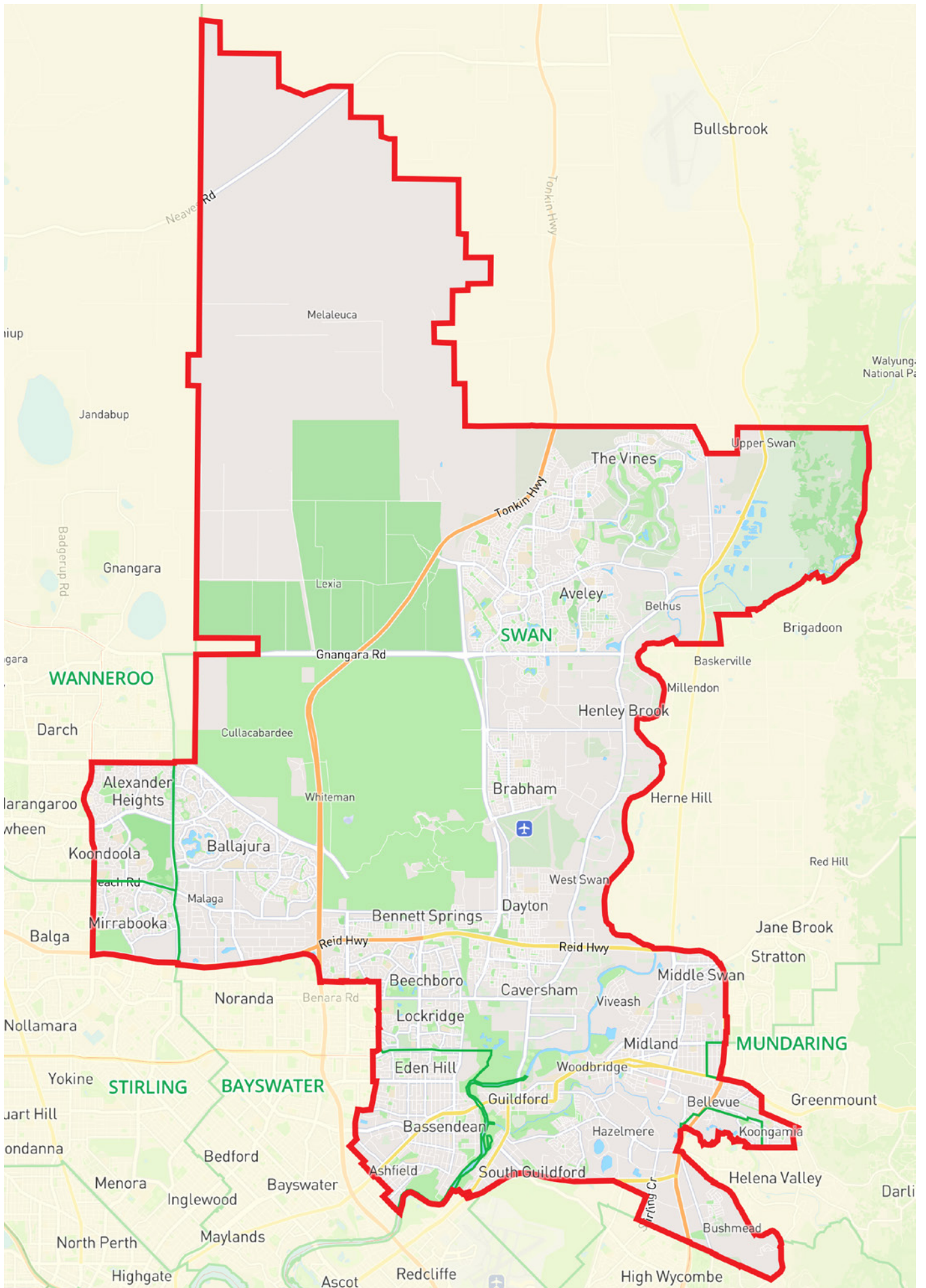
The proposed division of Hasluck would be constituted as follows:

- From the division of Cowan: the SA2s of Alexander Heights-Koondoola, Ballajura, Malaga, Beechboro, and Lockridge-Kiara, together with the locality of Mirrabooka from the Balga-Mirrabooka SA2; a total 37,996 projected electors.
- From the division of Pearce: the Ballajura, Beechboro, and Melaleuca-Lexia SA2s with 41 electors, to form a more logical geographic boundary.
- From the division of Perth: the Bassendean-Eden Hill-Ashfield SA2 (co-extensive with the Town of Bassendean LGA), with 12,452 projected electors.
- From the current division of Hasluck, the SA2s of Ellenbrook, Aveley, Brabham-Henley Brook, Beechboro, Lockridge-Kiara, Midland-Guildford, and Hazelmere-Guildford,
- Also, the substantial part of The Vines SA2, excluding only the localities of Brigadoon, Baskerville, and Millendon (SA1s 106807, 106808, and 106809);
- The greater part of the Middle Swan-Herne Hill SA2 lying south of Reid Highway;
- Part of the Swan View-Greenmount-Midvale SA2 comprising the locality of Midvale lying west of Reid Highway (four SA1s 105412, 105413, 105430, and 105431);
- Part of the Helena Valley-Koongamia SA2 comprising the locality of Koongamia (two SA1s - 105104 and 105105).

The proposed boundary between Hasluck and the 16th division is designed to recognise the natural boundaries formed by the upper reach of the Swan River and Reid Highway, and the LGA boundary between the City of Swan and the Shire of Mundaring that closely follows SA2 boundaries, except for the localities of Midvale and Koongamia which are part of the City of Swan.

The proposed division of Hasluck contains more electors from the existing division of Hasluck than are contained in the proposed 16th division. Accordingly, this division should continue to be designated as Hasluck.

2028 projected enrolment: 120,980 - 0.5% from quota 2023 enrolment: 113,344



MOORE

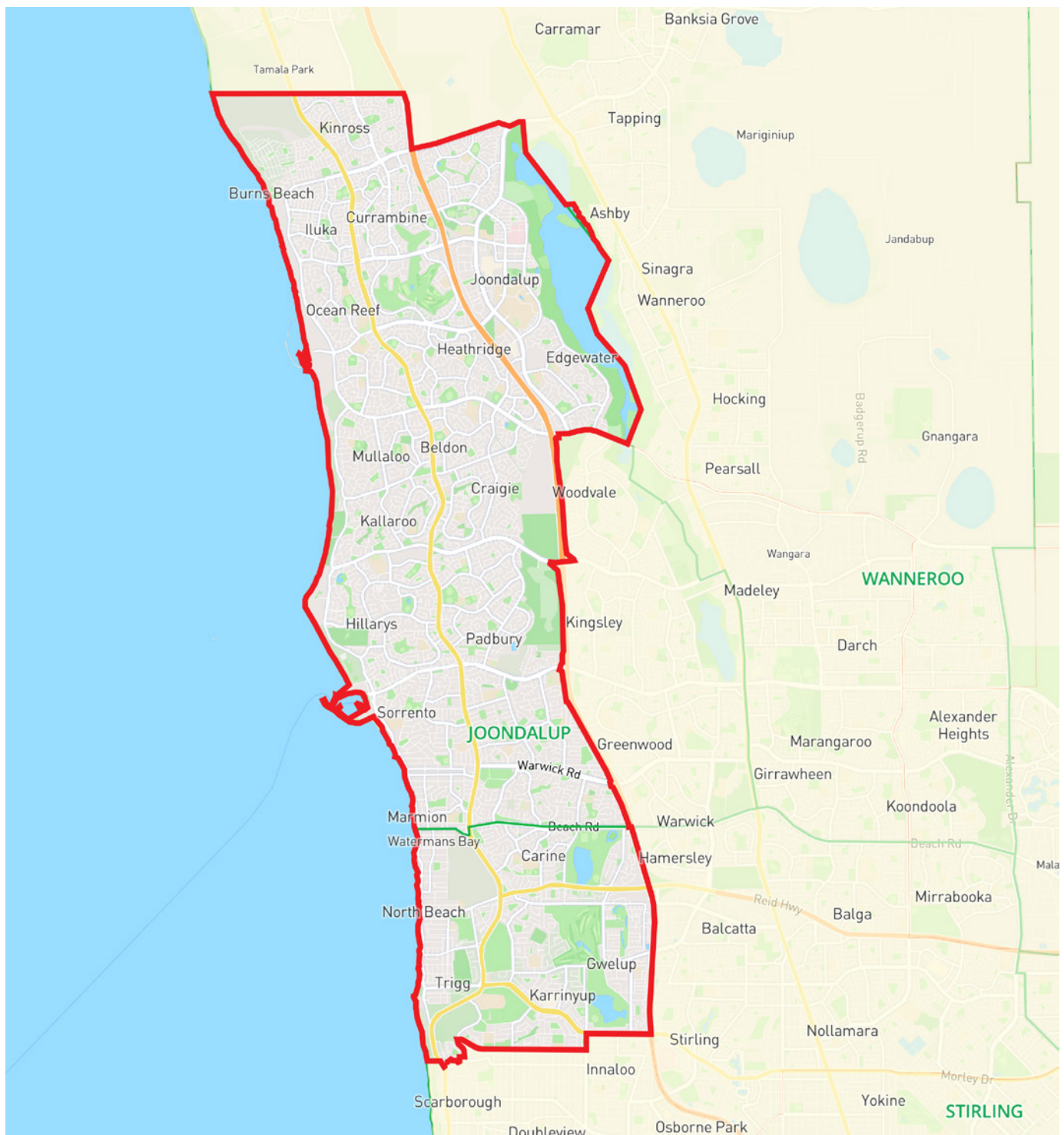
This division based upon the City of Joondalup and the north-western corner of the City of Stirling, is a natural fit to include the excess enrolment from the division of Curtin. In turn it must cede a greater number of projected electors to the division of Cowan.

- Moore would gain 10,153 projected electors in the Karrinyup-Gwelup-Carine and the Trigg-North Beach-Waterman's Bay SA2s.
- It would cede 18,204 projected electors in the Kingsley and Woodvale SA2s.
- The new eastern boundary of Moore would run along the Mitchell Freeway and Ocean Reef Road.

2028 projected enrolment: 119,094

- 2.1% from quota

2023 enrolment: 112,511



O'CONNOR

It is proposed to make minimal changes to this division, along its current boundary with the division of Durack.

- As previously described, it would cede to the division of Durack its portion of the Dowerin SA2 and the entirety of the Cunderdin SA2, comprising the Shires of Koorda, Wyalkatchem, Cunderdin, Tammin, Kellerberrin, and Quairading, with a total of 3545 projected electors.
- It would also cede to Durack 1146 electors in the Shires of Trayning, Mount Marshall, Nungarin, and Mukinbudin from the Mukinbudin SA2.
- Oconnor's section of the York-Beverley SA2, comprising the Shire of Beverley with 1474 projected electors, would also be ceded to the new 16th division.

2028 projected enrolment: 122,703 + 0.9% from quota **2023 enrolment: 115,099**



PEARCE

It is proposed that this division remain entirely based on the central and northern parts of the City of Wanneroo, with minimal change, gaining no new electors.

- Pearce would cede the Madeley-Darch SA2 with 10,320 electors to the proposed division of Cowan.
- It would also cede 41 electors to the division of Hasluck in the Ballajura, Beechboro, and Melaleuca-Lexia SA2s, removing the small, lightly populated section of the City of Swan that has remained within the division of Pearce.

2028 projected enrolment: 118,075 **- 2.9% from quota** **2023 enrolment: 109,694**

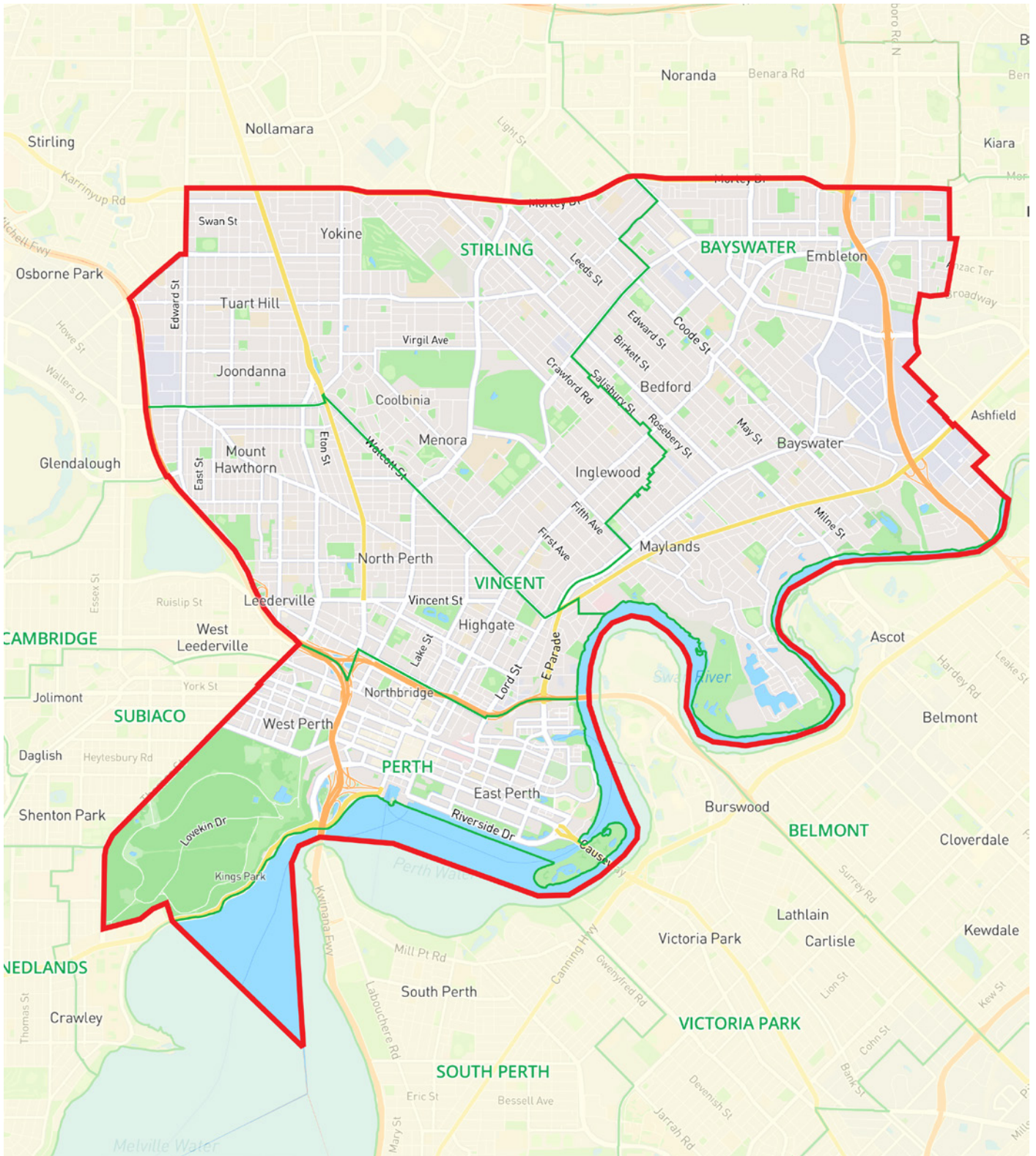


PERTH

Perth is an inner-suburban, capital city division that could achieve quota by contracting on its eastern border, ceding to the division of Hasluck the Bassendean-Eden Hill-Ashfield SA2 (and Town of Bassendean) with 12,452 projected electors as noted previously.

- The boundary between the Bayswater and Bassendean LGAs would form the new eastern boundary of Perth while its northern and western boundaries would not need to change.

2028 projected enrolment: 120,066 - 1.3% from quota **2023 enrolment: 111,761**

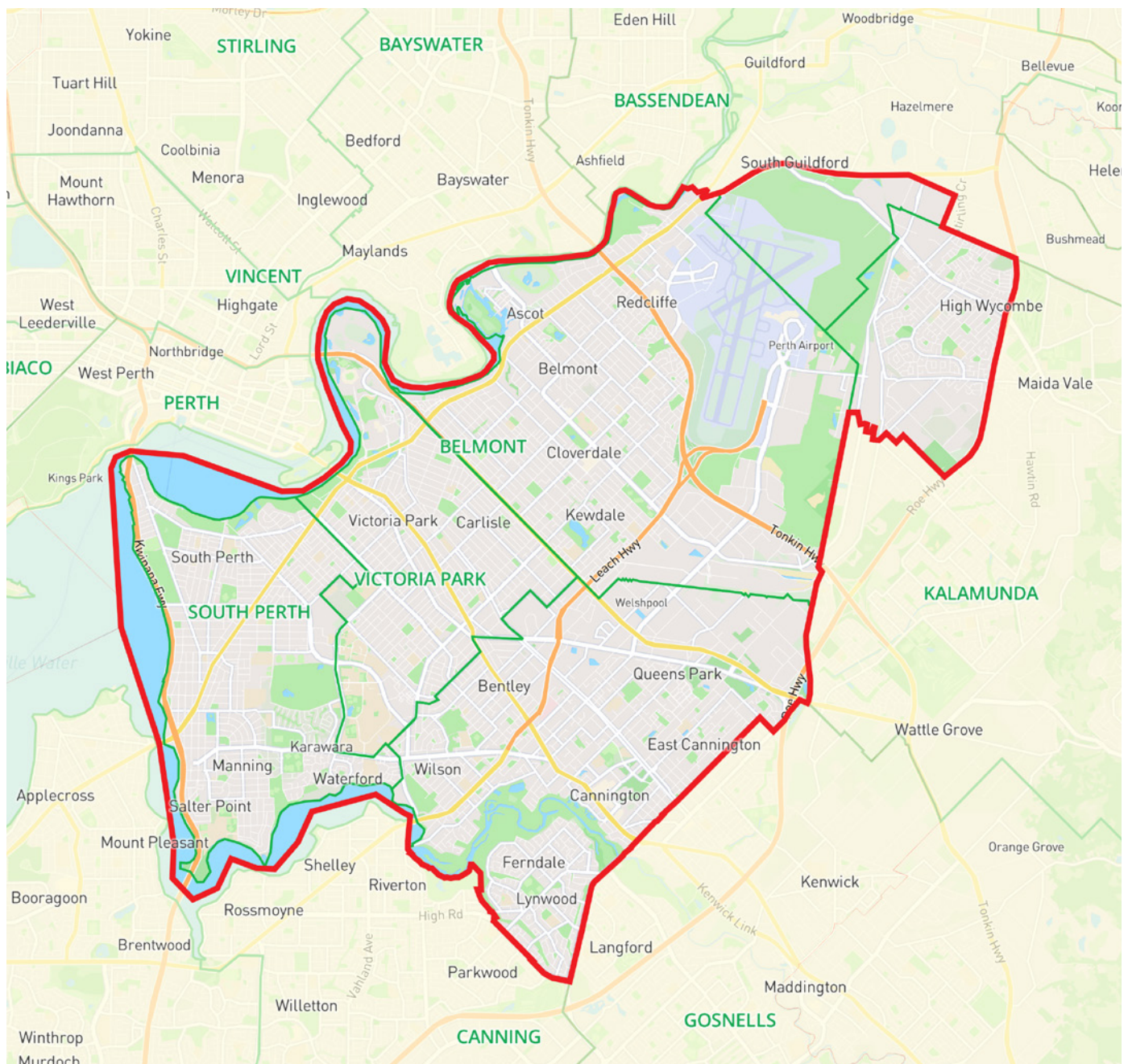


SWAN

As it did prior to 2021, Roe Highway would form a highly visible and logical eastern boundary for the division of Swan, that would also regain the localities of Wilson, Ferndale, and Lynwood.

- Wilson was continually part of Swan from 1984 until 2021, and the other two localities were contained within Swan 2010-16.
- It is proposed that the Forrestfield-Wattle Grove and the Kalamunda-Maida Vale-Gooseberry Hill SA2s with 18,120 projected electors be ceded to the 16th WA division, also reuniting the Kalamunda-Maida Vale-Gooseberry Hill SA2 in the same division.
- Swan would gain from the division of Tangney 4259 electors in the Bentley-Wilson-St James SA2, reuniting this SA2; and 5708 electors in the localities of Lynwood and Ferndale from the Parkwood-Lynwood-Ferndale SA2.
- High Road and Nicholson Road form a well-defined south-eastern boundary for the proposed division.

2028 projected enrolment: 123,831 **+ 1.8% from quota** **2023 enrolment: 114,774**



TANGNEY

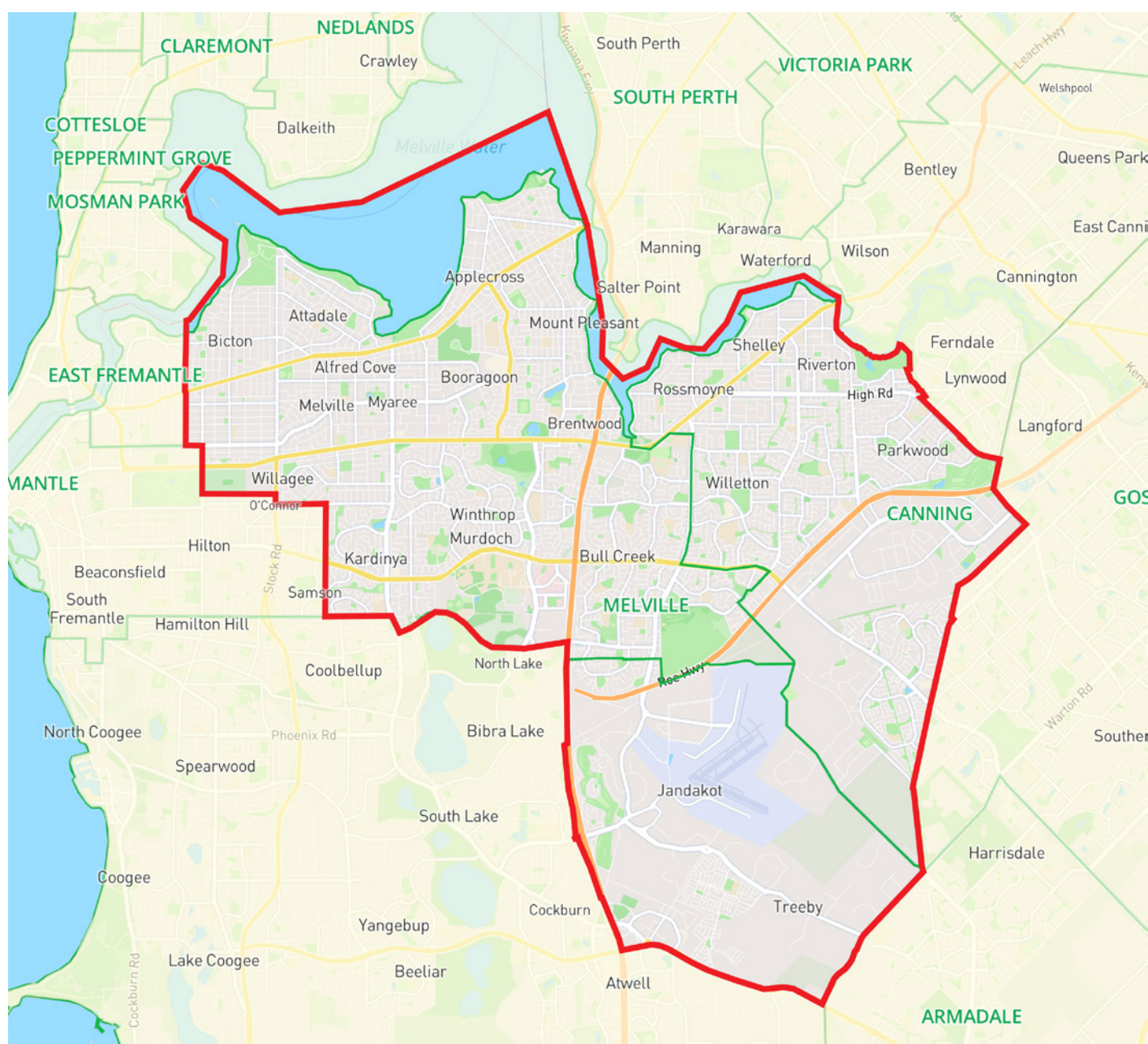
It is proposed that Tangney contract westward into the division of Fremantle, while ceding the localities of Wilson, Ferndale, and Lynwood together with that part of the locality of Canning Vale lying within the City of Gosnells.

- As noted previously, the Canning Vale East SA2 with 14,753 electors, the Bentley-Wilson-St James SA2 with 4259 electors, and 5708 electors in the localities of Lynwood and Ferndale from the Parkwood-Lynwood-Ferndale SA2 would be ceded to the respective divisions of Burt and Swan.
- Tangney would gain a total of 14,167 projected electors from the division of Fremantle, reuniting both the locality of Kardinya and the Kardinya-Murdoch SA2, together with the Bicton-Palmyra SA2. It would also gain the Jandakot SA2, together with the adjacent locality of Treeby from the Banjup SA2.
- The new south-western boundary of Tangney would be defined by several major roads: Nicholson Road, Warton Road, Armadale Road, and the Kwinana Freeway.

2028 projected enrolment: 122,168

+ 0.5% from quota

2023 enrolment: 113,010



NEW 16th DIVISION: **COURT**

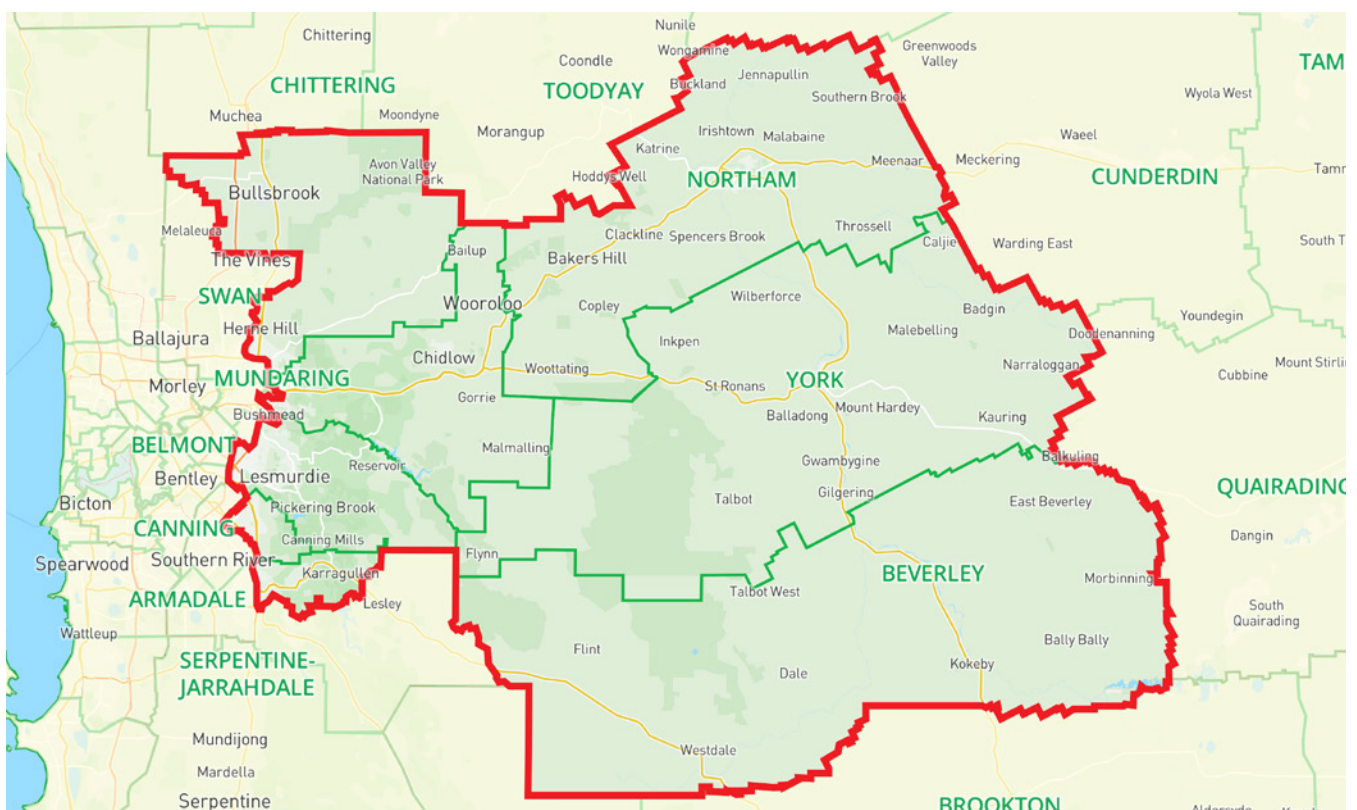
The new division would be based on the Perth Hills and the Swan-Avon catchment. It will comprise the entire Shires of Mundaring, Northam, York, and Beverley; the great majority of the City of Kalamunda; the semi-rural Swan Valley and rural components of the City of Swan; and eastern parts of the Cities of Gosnells and Armadale.

- The Great Eastern, Great Northern and Albany Highways would form strong connecting links across this division.
- It would have a similar configuration and character to the original division of Pearce created in 1989.

Its electors will be drawn from six current divisions.

- From Hasluck, the SA2s of Chidlow, Glen Forrest-Darlington, Helena Valley-Koongamia (less the locality of Koongamia as described earlier), Mundaring, Swan View-Greenmount-Midvale (less the locality of Midvale as described earlier), Gidgegannup, Malmalling-Reservoir, Stratton-Jane Brook, Kalamunda-Maida Vale-Gooseberry Hill, and Lesmurdie-Bickley-Carmel.
- Also, the localities of Brigadoon, Baskerville, and Millendon (SA1s 106807, 106808, 106809) from The Vines SA2, and the locality of Herne Hill (SA1s 106502, 106503, 106504, 106505, 106506 and 106510) from the Middle Swan-Herne Hill SA2.
- From Durack, the Northam, York-Beverley, Bullsbrook, Avon Valley National Park, and Walyunga National Park SA2s.
- From O'Connor, its portion of the York-Beverley SA2.
- From Swan, the Forrestfield-Wattle Grove, and the Kalamunda-Maida Vale-Gooseberry Hill SA2s.
- From Burt, the SA2s of Maddington-Orange Grove-Martin and Mount Nasura-Mount Richon-Bedforddale, together with that part of the Kelmscott SA2 lying east of Albany Highway.
- From Canning, the SA2s of Maddington-Orange Grove-Martin, Lesmurdie-Bickley-Carmel, and Roleystone.

2028 projected enrolment: 119,642 **- 1.6% from quota** **2023 enrolment: 112,404**



Naming Of Divisions

The Liberal Party proposes that the 16th Western Australian division commemorate former Premier Sir Charles Court (1911-2007).

- In his 12 years as Minister for Industrial Development 1959-71, Sir Charles laid the basis for the mining industry that enabled Western Australia to cease being a mendicant state and that underpinned a major rise in employment and living standards. His vision laid the foundation for Western Australia's contemporary economy.
- As Premier from 1974 to 1982, he was also instrumental in the development of the North West Shelf, which was critical in sustaining the State's prosperity.
- After Sir Charles Court's passing, generous tributes were paid from both sides of politics acknowledging his fundamental role in Western Australia's economic development.
- There are firm precedents for commemorating former members of the Western Australian Parliament in the naming of WA federal divisions.
- Brand (Sir David Brand, Premier 1959-71) and Cowan (Edith Cowan MLA 1921-24) were created in 1984; Forrest also honours another significant WA Premier 1890-1901. Members of the Durack and Burt families also served in the Western Australian Parliament.
- It is appreciated that there are reservations around using the name of a deceased Australian whose close family members are active in politics to name new divisions.. However, there are no members of the Court family currently holding elective office, with former Premier Richard Court having retired from Parliament in 2001.

Just as we are opposed in principle to any adventurous general redrawing of divisional boundaries, the Liberal Party would regard the renaming of any current division as undesirable and unjustified.

Conclusion

The Liberal Party appreciates this opportunity to put forward its proposal for this redistribution.

We believe the boundaries presented are logical, sustainable and limit disruption by minimising the transfer of electors between divisions, with 86.0% of electors remaining within their current division under this proposal.

The WA Liberal Party looks forward to providing further feedback as the redistribution progresses through its remaining stages.



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