

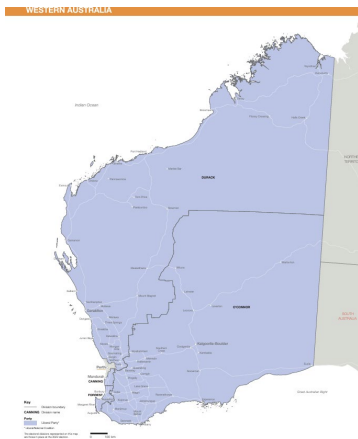


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Suggestion 5

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The Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) of Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands should be in the electorate of Durack instead of Lingiari:

- As of 1 November 2023, The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has 38 arrangements with agencies of the Western Australia (WA) Government providing 54 services to the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT).
 - Total number of Service Delivery Arrangements (SDAs) with the Northern Territory are zero
- WA has the Indian Ocean Territories (Administration of Laws) Act 1992
 - This Act to authorises State authorities to exercise powers, perform functions and duties and provide services in or in relation to the Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, to enable State courts and State judicial officers to exercise jurisdiction in or in relation to those Territories, and to authorise the State and State authorities to enter into arrangements with the Commonwealth for those purposes.
 - There is no similar arrangements with the NT government
- Perth is the gateway airport to the IOT
 - There are no direct flights from Alice Springs
- The IOT have postcodes in keeping with WA i.e. 6798 & 6799
 - Saves confusion for residents/other
 - NT is 0800-0886
- The IOT residents have strong ties with WA business as most Australian supplied exports come through Perth based business
- The IOT send their students to WA schools and universities, not those in Darwin or Alice Springs
- The IOT are geographically closer to Durack
- IOT residents have more family/friendship connections in WA and share similar experiences or issues with that state of Australia
 - There are Cocos Malay settled in areas such Geraldton and Katanning but none in the NT