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Comments on WA Redistribution

The most clear trend in the movement of people within the electoral boundaries appears to be a great growth in the enrolment within the electorate of Pearce. Clearly, much territory inside that electorate will have to be given to other electorates, most notably those within the north of Perth. Meanwhile the borders of Canning, Burt, and Brand, located at least in part within the south of Perth and surrounding areas, cannot be significantly added to or subtracted from (if these electorates are retained) due to the fact that they have compliant current and projected enrolment.

It seems clear to me that a Perth electorate should be abolished to avoid adding significantly more territories to the already leviathan O'Connor and Durack (although these will have to be slightly expanded for quota reasons). I suggest abolishing the electorate of Burt. It borders two significantly underenrolled electorates, Tangney and Hasluck - which can pick up many of Burt's electors. These seats in central to southern Perth will probably be the least affected by the massive changes that have to be undergone by Pearce - which will be the initial and focal point of this redistribution.