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This report is prepared to fulfil the requirements of section 74 of the Electoral Act.

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About this report

This report outlines the redistribution of Western Australia and the augmented Electoral Commission's reasons supporting this redistribution.

The report consists of the following sections:

- Executive summary
- Chapter 1: Background and context

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.

Chapter 2: The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this proposal. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.

Chapter 3: Implementation of the redistribution

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Western Australia.

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Word or acronym	Meaning	
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission	
AWST	Australian Western Standard Time – AWST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 8 hours (UTC +8)	
augmented Electoral Commission	augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia	
augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia	The Electoral Commission, augmented by the members of the Redistribution Committee for Western Australia	
СОВ	Comment on objection received	
EBMS	Electoral Boundary Mapping System – a modification of commercially available mapping software which automatically calculates the revised actual and projected enrolments when boundaries are moved	
Electoral Act	Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918	
Electoral Commission	The Electoral Commission is headed by a Chairperson, who is selected from a list of names of three eligible Judges submitted to the Governor- General by the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. The other members are the Electoral Commissioner and a non-judicial member; currently the Australian Statistician	

Abbreviations and glossary

Word or acronym	Meaning	
Gazette	Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette – gazette notices contain a range of information about legislation, including proclamations and notices of Commonwealth government departments and courts, and other notices required under Commonwealth law	
general election	A general election of the members of the House of Representatives	
guidelines	Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions	
IP	Inquiry participant on Wednesday 7 August 2024 at the inquiry into objections held in Perth	
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters – the role of this Committee of the Australian Parliament is to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration, as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister	
OB	Objection to the proposed redistribution	
projected enrolment quota	(Number of electors projected to be enrolled in a state or territory at the projection time) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to)	
	The projected enrolment quota for this redistribution is 121,615 electors	
projection time	The projection time is generally the end of the period of three years and six months after the final determination of electoral division boundaries and names are published in the Gazette. There are circumstances where this time may be varied	
	The projection time for this redistribution is Friday 24 March 2028	
redistribution	A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:	
	 each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to the population of the state or territory, and 	
	 there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory 	
Redistribution Committee	Redistribution Committee for Western Australia	
Redistribution Committee for Western Australia	r The Electoral Commissioner, Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia, the Surveyor General of Western Australia and Auditor General for Western Australia	
redistribution quota	(Number of electors enrolled in a state or territory on the day the redistribution commences) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to)	
	The redistribution quota for this redistribution is 113,508 electors	
SA1	Statistical Area Level 1 – SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. The SA1s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2021 Census of Population and Housing	
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2 – SA2s consist of one or more SA1s and wherever possible are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas, SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs but can be a combination of suburbs. The SA2s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2021 Census of Population and Housing	

Executive summary

This report outlines the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia's (augmented Electoral Commission's) redistribution of Western Australia into 16 electoral divisions.

The name and boundaries of the new Division of Bullwinkel, in recognition of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000), have been unanimously adopted.

The names of the remaining 15 electoral divisions have been retained by the augmented Electoral Commission.

The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted all of the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following modifications:

- the Division of Canning retains the Shire of Waroona,
- the Division of Cowan retains the majority of the suburb of Malaga,
- the Division of Fremantle retains part of the suburb of Kardinya, south of South Street and west of North Lake Road, and
- the Division of Tangney retains the part of the suburb of Leeming located north of Roe Highway.

Background

A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:

- each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to its population, and
- there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) makes provision for the conduct of redistributions, including procedures, processes and timelines to be followed and how and when public consultation is to occur.

A redistribution of electoral divisions in Western Australia was required as the number of members of the House of Representatives that is to be chosen for Western Australia at the next general election has increased from 15 to 16.

The redistribution process commenced with a direction from the Electoral Commission on Wednesday 9 August 2023.

The Redistribution Committee released its proposed redistribution on Friday 31 May 2024. Interested individuals and organisations were invited to make written objections on the proposed redistribution and written comments on objections via notices published in:

- the Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette (the Gazette) on Friday 31 May 2024,
- The West Australian and The Weekend Australian on Saturday 15 June 2024,
- the Farm Weekly on Thursday 20 June 2024, and
- the Koori Mail on Wednesday 3 July 2024.

Forty-five objections to the proposed redistribution were made available for public perusal on Monday 1 July 2024 and 15 comments on objections were made available from Monday 15 July 2024. The augmented Electoral Commission held an inquiry into objections on Wednesday 7 August 2024 in Perth at which 11 submissions were made.

The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution process, together with the submissions presented by those participating in the inquiry, to be a valuable contribution to their deliberations and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed. The redistribution has been informed by a thorough consideration of these submissions and the augmented Electoral Commission has taken them into account in making its determination. However, the augmented Electoral Commission was unable to implement some aspects of these submissions for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report.

Legislative requirements

The Electoral Act requires Western Australia to be divided into the same number of electoral divisions as the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Western Australia at a general election. As Western Australia is entitled to 16 members of the House of Representatives, the augmented Electoral Commission has redistributed Western Australia into 16 electoral divisions.

In making its redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission is required to adhere to two strict numerical requirements, as defined by the Electoral Act. These two numerical requirements provide an overall constraint to ensure that there are approximately equal numbers of electors in each electoral division so that each elector in Western Australia has equality of representation in the House of Representatives.

All electoral divisions are required to be within the range of plus and minus 10 per cent of the redistribution quota. At the end of Wednesday 9 August 2023, the day on which the redistribution commenced, 1,816,126 electors were enrolled in Western Australia. The redistribution quota was therefore 113,508. As the Electoral Act requires electoral divisions to be within the range of plus and minus 10 per cent of this quota, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which contain between 102,158 and 124,858 electors.

All electoral divisions are also required to be within the range of plus and minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota at the projection time of Friday 24 March 2028. As the number of electors projected to be enrolled in Western Australia at this time is 1,945,845, and the projected enrolment quota is 121,615, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which are projected to contain between 117,359 and 125,871 electors on Friday 28 March 2028.

In relation to each proposed electoral division, the augmented Electoral Commission is also required by the Electoral Act to give due consideration to:

- i. community of interests within the electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests,
- ii. means of communication and travel within the electoral division,
- iv. the physical features and area of the electoral division, and
- v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions in Western Australia, with this factor being subordinate to the consideration of i, ii and iv.¹

The augmented Electoral Commission can only balance the different criteria against each other in so far as they affect each of the electoral divisions in Western Australia and endeavour to achieve the best overall balance. Given the primacy of the two numerical requirements, it is impossible to satisfy all the statutory criteria to the same extent in each electoral division.

This redistribution complies with all relevant provisions of the Electoral Act.

Redistribution of Western Australia

The redistribution covers:

- where to locate the new electoral division,
- the names of the 16 electoral divisions, and
- where to draw the boundaries between electoral divisions in Western Australia to accommodate the new electoral division.

Creation of a new electoral division

The augmented Electoral Commission's consideration of where to locate a new electoral division was guided by the Electoral Act: namely, the numerical requirements and the obligations relating to communities of interests, means of communication and travel, the physical features and area of the electoral division and the boundaries of existing electoral divisions.

The Redistribution Committee proposed creating a new electoral division to the east of Perth to be named 'Bullwinkel' in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000). The proposed Division of Bullwinkel includes the:

- Shire of Beverley,
- Shire of Northam,
- Shire of Toodyay,
- Shire of York,
- part of the City of Armadale,
- part of the City of Gosnells,
- part of the City of Kalamunda,
- part of the Shire of Mundaring, and
- part of the City of Swan.
- 1 Paragraph 73(4)(b) of the Electoral Act sets out the factors an augmented Electoral Commission is required to give due consideration to in making a redistribution. Sub-paragraph 73(4)(b)(iii), which required that consideration be given to the trend of population changes within the state or territory was removed from Wednesday 3 June 1987 by the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Act 1987.

Several objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections argued:

- for different electoral division boundaries to those proposed by the Redistribution Committee; and
- the new electoral division be given a different name.

The augmented Electoral Commission has unanimously adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to create the new Division of Bullwinkel to the east of Perth. Reasons for doing so are set out in Chapter 2 of this report.

Names of electoral divisions

The Redistribution Committee proposed:

- naming the new electoral division 'Bullwinkel', in honour of Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000), a civilian and military nurse who was the sole survivor of the 1942 Bangka Island massacre and a prisoner of war. The Redistribution Committee unanimously decided that this proposal recognised her dedication to honouring victims of war crimes, service to nursing, and the community, in both her civilian and military service. This electoral division name also honours the contribution of military medical personnel and recognises those who were prisoners of war, and
- retaining the names of the remaining 15 electoral divisions in Western Australia.

A significant proportion of the objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry referred to the names of electoral divisions.

Some of the submissions, objections and comments on objections supported the Redistribution Committee's proposed names while others objected to the proposed name for the new electoral division and presented a different name for consideration by the augmented Electoral Commission.

After careful consideration of the arguments regarding the proposal to rename the proposed Division of Bullwinkel, the augmented Electoral Commission observed the name was consistent with the 'Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions' (the guidelines) and should stand unchanged. The new electoral division will be named 'Bullwinkel' to recognise Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel.

The augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed the arguments offered in support of altering the names of any of the other 15 proposed electoral divisions were not sufficiently persuasive to warrant further change from the Redistribution Committee's proposal. These 15 electoral divisions will be known by the names proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

The augmented Electoral Commission's electoral division names have been offered for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report.

Boundaries of electoral divisions

In determining the boundaries of electoral divisions in a state or territory, the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to ensure the enrolment numbers for each electoral division remain within the two ranges of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.

Western Australia's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives has increased from 15 to 16 members. In creating a new electoral division, the redistribution quota and projected enrolment quota were reduced, as were the ranges for the permissible maximum and minimum

number of electors around these quotas. The augmented Electoral Commission was required, as was the Redistribution Committee, to alter the electoral division boundaries of 12 of Western Australia's 15 former electoral divisions so that all requirements of the Electoral Act could be met.

The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposal met the requirements of the Electoral Act and proposed electoral divisions that can accommodate growth, while keeping existing communities of interests together and providing strong and readily identifiable features as boundaries where possible. Further, the augmented Electoral Commission noted the Redistribution Committee's proposal was consistent with the suggestions and comments on suggestions received.

The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposal met the requirements of the Electoral Act and proposed electoral divisions which:

- were more equitably balanced numerically across the state,
- could accommodate the differing rates of projected growth and decline across Western Australia,
- kept together or improved existing communities of interests (in some cases represented by local government areas or suburbs) where possible,
- used strong and readily identifiable features, such as major roads, rivers or established administrative boundaries to define electoral division boundaries, to the extent possible, and
- were consistent with elements of the 21 suggestions and seven comments on suggestions which identified electoral division boundary changes to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.

Constructing a new electoral division will, of necessity, result in significant elector movement into the new electoral division and will also require consequential boundary changes and elector movements across the state to ensure that all electoral divisions remain within the two permissible ranges.

The augmented Electoral Commission carefully considered the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution, the objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and further information provided in submissions at the inquiry. The augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed with much of what was proposed by the Redistribution Committee and decided that improvements could be made.

As a number of the changes advocated in objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry were able to be accommodated within the permissible ranges for the number of electors within an electoral division, or with minimal boundary adjustments to the surrounding electoral divisions, the augmented Electoral Commission unanimously agreed to make these changes. As a result, six electoral divisions of the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution differ from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee. These minor changes have been made to better reflect communities of interests and/or improve electoral division boundaries.

While acknowledging the merits of a number of other ideas advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry, they were unable to be accepted because the resultant adjustments to the boundaries led to electoral divisions which fell outside the permissible numerical ranges. Any alternative adjustments would, in the augmented Electoral Commission's opinion, have caused significant flow-on effects for other electoral divisions across Western Australia under the requirements of the Electoral Act.

Elector movements

Overall, 258,356 (or 14.23 per cent) of all electors enrolled in Western Australia on Wednesday 9 August 2023 will change their federal electoral division as a result of this redistribution.

Implementation of this redistribution

Changes to electoral divisions as a result of this redistribution will apply from the day on which a notice of determination is published in the Gazette. This notice was published on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

Electoral events will not be contested with reference to these new federal electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiry or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

Chapter 1 Background and context

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.

- 1. A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:
 - each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to its population, and
 - there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

Compliance with legislative requirements

- 2. The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) specifies that a redistribution process should be undertaken when:
 - the number of members of the House of Representatives to which a state or territory is entitled has changed (population change),
 - the number of electors in more than one-third of the electoral divisions in a state (or one of the electoral divisions in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory) deviates from the average divisional enrolment by over ten per cent for a period of more than two months, or
 - a period of seven years has elapsed since the last redistribution process was determined.²
- 3. The procedures to be followed in conducting a redistribution process are specified in the Electoral Act. Appendix A summarises the legislative requirements which have been followed in conducting this redistribution. Each of these requirements is discussed in further detail in this chapter.

Background to this redistribution

4. The steps followed from the commencement of the redistribution of Western Australia to the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution are outlined in Chapter 1 of the Redistribution Committee's report: *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*.³

² Sub-section 59(2) of the Electoral Act specifies when a redistribution process should be undertaken.

³ Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions, May 2024, pages 9–16

Requirement to conduct a redistribution of electoral divisions in Western Australia and commencement

- On Thursday 27 July 2023, the Electoral Commissioner made a determination under subsection 48(1) of the Electoral Act of the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory would be entitled to at the next general election.⁴
- 6. As a result of this determination, Western Australia's entitlement increased from 15 to 16 members of the House of Representatives.
- In accordance with sub-section 59(1) of the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission published a notice in the Gazette on Wednesday 9 August 2023 directing that a redistribution of Western Australia into 16 electoral divisions commence.

Redistribution quota

 Section 65 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner, as soon as practicable after the redistribution process commences, to determine the redistribution quota using the following formula:⁵

> Number of electors enrolled in Western Australia as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Wednesday 9 August 2023)

Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled

- 9. In calculating this quota, sub-section 65(2) of the Electoral Act provides that:
 - where the result includes a fraction less than 0.5, the number is rounded down to the nearest whole number, or
 - where the result includes a fraction equal to or greater than 0.5, the number is rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 10. Table A shows the figures used to calculate the redistribution quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division (discussed further in the section titled 'Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution').

Table A: Redistribution quota and permissible range for Western Australia

Number of electors enrolled in Western Australia as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Wednesday 9 August 2023)	1,816,126
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled	16
Redistribution quota for Western Australia	113,508
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division (redistribution quota plus 10 per cent)	124,858
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division (redistribution quota minus 10 per cent)	102,158

4 A copy of this determination is available on the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website.

5 The redistribution quota is to be calculated using the number, as nearly can be ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner, of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced. This number is extracted from the AEC's Roll Management System.

- As part of the redistribution process, the augmented Electoral Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in an electoral division is within the range of plus 10 per cent and minus 10 per cent of the redistribution quota (see Appendix B).⁶
- 12. The number of electors at the commencement date of Wednesday 9 August 2023 at both the electoral division and Statistical Area Level 1s (SA1s) level were published on the AEC website when the invitation for interested parties to submit suggestions and comments on suggestions was made.⁷

Enrolment projections and projected enrolment quota

13. When determining a redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission is required by paragraph 73(4)(a) to ensure, as far as practicable, that the number of electors enrolled in the electoral division at the projection time will not be more than plus 3.5 per cent or less than minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota (see Appendix B). This quota is calculated using the following formula:

Estimated total number of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the projection time (Friday 24 March 2028) Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled

- For the purposes of this redistribution, projected enrolment has been calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).⁸
- 15. Projected enrolment at the projection time of Friday 24 March 2028, together with the processes used by the ABS to calculate these projections, were published on the AEC website on Wednesday 18 October 2023. Publication occurred when the invitations were made for interested individuals and organisations to submit suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions. The projections were made available at both the electoral division and SA1 level.⁹
- 16. Table B shows the figures used to calculate the projected enrolment quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (discussed further in the section titled 'Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution').

- 6 This is required by sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act.
- 7 See Appendix G for a discussion of how SA1s are used in a redistribution. SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. At the time of the 2021 Census, there were 61,845 SA1s, each of which generally has a population of 200 to 800 people, with the average population in each being about 400 people. SA1s in remote and regional areas generally have smaller populations than those in urban areas. SA1s, which are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, are defined by the ABS and remain stable between censuses. The SA1s currently in use were defined for the 2021 Census.
- 8 These enrolment projections are not predictions or forecasts. They illustrate what would happen to Western Australia's enrolment if assumed levels of the components of population change (births, deaths and migration) were to occur between the redistribution's commencement time of Wednesday 9 August 2023 and projection time of Friday 24 March 2028.
- 9 Accompanying papers explained the assumptions used in calculating these enrolment projections.

Table B: Projected enrolment quota and permissible range for Western Australia

Estimated total number of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the projection time (Friday 24 March 2028)	1,945,845
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Western Australia is entitled	16
Projected enrolment quota for Western Australia	121,615
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota plus 3.5 per cent)	125,871
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota minus 3.5 per cent)	117,359

Revised enrolment projection data

- 17. During the Redistribution Committee's consideration of suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions, information was received from the ABS that there was an error in the initial enrolment projections supplied for use in the redistributions of Western Australia and Victoria.¹⁰ The identification of the error by the ABS and subsequent supply of the revised data occurred after the period in which individuals and organisations could reflect this information in their suggestions to the redistribution or comments on suggestions. The Redistribution Committee used the revised enrolment projection data to:
 - · reconsider the suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions, and
 - develop its proposed redistribution of Western Australia.¹¹

Release of proposed redistribution of Western Australia

- Sub-section 66(1) of the Electoral Act requires the Redistribution Committee to make a proposed redistribution, with section 67 requiring that written reasons for the proposed redistribution be provided.
- 19. In its report Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions, the Redistribution Committee outlined its proposed redistribution of Western Australia and in Chapter 2 and Appendix G explained the reasons behind its proposal.¹² On Friday 31 May 2024, this report was made available on the AEC website and in each AEC office located in Western Australia.
- 20. In addition, and as required by sub-section 68(1) of the Electoral Act, the following information was also made available at each AEC office in Western Australia from Friday 31 May 2024:
 - maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division in Western Australia, and
 - copies of the 21 suggestions made to the redistribution and seven comments on suggestions.

¹⁰ Following the discovery of the error, the Australian Statistician commissioned an independent review of the ABS processes for producing enrolment projections. A copy of the Trewin Review is available at: www.abs.gov.au/media-centre/media-statements/ statistical-review-process-providing-regional-enrolment-projections-electoral-redistribution-purposes

¹¹ Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., pages 4–5, 12 and 69–72

¹² Ibid., pages 25-61 and 75-90

Invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit objections and comments on objections

- 21. The Redistribution Committee is required by sub-sections 68(1) and 68(2) of the Electoral Act to draw attention to the redistribution material able to be viewed at AEC offices in Western Australia and to invite written objections relating to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia and written comments on objections via:
 - a notice published in the Gazette on a Friday,
 - a notice published in two newspapers circulating throughout Western Australia, and
 - notices published in such regional newspapers circulating in regions affected by the proposed redistribution as determined by the Redistribution Committee.
- 22. The notice was published in the Gazette on Friday 31 May 2024. Newspaper notices were published in:
 - The West Australian and The Weekend Australian on Saturday 15 June 2024,
 - the Farm Weekly on Thursday 20 June 2024, and
 - the Koori Mail on Wednesday 3 July 2024.
- 23. In accordance with section 68 of the Electoral Act, these notices included a brief outline of the proposed redistribution, where to view the proposed redistribution, how to participate in the process and where to find further information. As required by paragraph 68(1)(d) the notices published in *The West Australian*, the *Farm Weekly*, and the *Koori Mail* included maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division in Western Australia.
- 24. Table C presents information on the options for making an objection or comment on an objection, and the extent to which these options were used.

Options	Objections		Comments on objections	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Form upload on AEC website	24	53.33%	8	53.33%
Email	19	42.22%	4	26.67%
Mail	1	2.22%	0	0.00%
Fax	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
In person	1	2.22%	3	20.00%
Total	45	100.00%	15	100.00%

Table C: Options to make an objection or comment on an objection

Note: As a result of rounding, relevant columns may not aggregate to 100.00%.

25. Interested individuals and organisations were able to submit written objections from Friday 31 May 2024 until 6pm AWST on Friday 28 June 2024, the 4th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.¹³ During this time, 45 objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix C).

13 This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(a) of the Electoral Act.

- 26. As required by sub-section 69(2) of the Electoral Act, copies of these objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia in Perth from Monday 1 July 2024, the 5th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The objections were also made available on the AEC website from this date.
- 27. Interested individuals and organisations were able to submit written comments on objections received from Monday 1 July 2024 until 6pm AWST on Friday 12 July 2024; the 6th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.¹⁴ During this time, 15 comments on objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix D).
- 28. As required by sub-section 69(4) of the Electoral Act, copies of these comments on objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia in Perth from Monday 15 July 2024; the 7th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The comments on objections were also made available on the AEC website on this date.

The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

- 29. Sub-section 70(1) of the Electoral Act specifies that, for the purposes of a redistribution of Western Australia, an augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia is established. The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission is specified by sub-section 70(2).
- The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia is outlined in Table D.

Position on the augmented Electoral Commission	Name	Basis for membership
Chairperson	The Hon. Susan Kenny AM KC	Chairperson of the Electoral Commission
Member	Dr David Gruen AO	non-judicial member of the Electoral Commission
Member	Mr Tom Rogers	Electoral Commissioner
Member	Ms Anita Ratcliffe	Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia
Member	Ms Dione Bilick	Surveyor General of Western Australia
Member	Ms Caroline Spencer	Auditor General for Western Australia

Table D: Membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

Note: Shading indicates the members of the Redistribution Committee (chaired by Mr Rogers).

14 This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(b) of the Electoral Act.

- 31. The augmented Electoral Commission is responsible for:
 - considering all objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution and all comments on objections which were received by the specified lodgement times,
 - developing a proposed redistribution of Western Australia in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act,
 - conducting an inquiry into objections, should one be required,
 - determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia, and
 - making the reasons for the augmented Electoral Commission's determination available for public perusal.
- 32. The augmented Electoral Commission met on:
 - Thursday 1 August 2024,
 - Wednesday 7 August 2024, and
 - Friday 23 August 2024.

Consideration of objections and comments on objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

- 33. The augmented Electoral Commission is required by sub-section 72(1) of the Electoral Act to consider all objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections which were received by the required specified lodgement times.
- 34. In formulating its redistribution of Western Australia, the augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 45 objections to the proposed redistribution and 15 comments on objections received. In doing so, the augmented Electoral Commission uses the exact information provided by individual submitters: the augmented Electoral Commission does not rework those submissions to ensure they meet the requirements of the Electoral Act.
- 35. The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution valuable and appreciated the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
- 36. Chapter 2 and Appendix E outline the key themes contained in these objections and comments on objections, and how the augmented Electoral Commission responded to them, having regard to the requirements of the Electoral Act.

Inquiry by the augmented Electoral Commission into objections

- 37. Sub-section 72(3) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to hold an inquiry into an objection unless it is of the opinion:
 - the matters raised in the objection, were the same as or substantially the same as, matters that were raised in:
 - suggestions relating to the redistribution lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - comments lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - the objection is frivolous or vexatious.

- Analysis of the 45 objections to the proposed redistribution indicated the matters to be inquired into as:
 - name of the proposed Division of Bullwinkel,
 - boundaries of the proposed Division of Bullwinkel,
 - electoral division in which the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and Shire of Waroona are to be located, and
 - boundaries of the proposed Division of Fremantle and proposed Division of Tangney.
- The manner in which inquiries into objections are to be conducted by the augmented Electoral Commission is specified in sub-sections 72(4) to 72(9) of the Electoral Act.
- 40. The augmented Electoral Commission held an inquiry on Wednesday 7 August 2024 in Perth.
- 41. Invitations to attend the inquiry were sent to those who made objections to the proposed redistribution or commented on objections. Notices of invitation were placed in *The Weekend Australian* and *The West Australian* on Saturday 3 August 2024.
- 42. Appendix F lists those who made submissions to the inquiry and a transcript from the inquiry is available on the AEC website.¹⁵ The augmented Electoral Commission found the submissions presented by those participating at the inquiry to be a valuable contribution and was grateful for the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
- 43. The augmented Electoral Commission's response to the matters raised at the inquiry is summarised in Chapter 2 and Appendix E.

Conclusion of consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

- 44. Sub-section 72(2) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to conclude its consideration of the objections before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections. As comments on objections closed on Friday 12 July 2024, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to conclude its consideration by Tuesday 10 September 2024.
- The augmented Electoral Commission's consideration of objections concluded on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

¹⁵ Copies of all suggestions to the redistribution, comments on suggestions, objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and the Redistribution Committee's report are also available on the AEC website.

Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

- 46. Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to adhere to specific criteria in determining boundaries of electoral divisions.
- 47. The augmented Electoral Commission endeavoured to ensure that the number of electors in each Western Australian electoral division would:
 - meet the requirement of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors in an electoral division to be not less than 90 per cent or more than 110 per cent of the redistribution quota of 113,508 electors (Table A indicates the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division in Western Australia must therefore be between 102,158 and 124,858), and
 - meet the requirement of paragraph 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors projected to be in an electoral division to be not less than 96.5 per cent or more than 103.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota of 121,615 at the projection time of Friday 24 March 2028 (Table B indicates the number of electors projected to be enrolled in each electoral division in Western Australia at the projection time of Friday 24 March 2028 must be between 117,359 and 125,871).
- 48. The augmented Electoral Commission also gave due consideration to the requirements of paragraph 73(4)(b) of the Electoral Act:
 - i. community of interests in the electoral divisions including economic, social and regional interests,
 - ii. means of communication and travel in the electoral division,
 - iv. the physical features and area of the electoral divisions, and
 - v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions, with this factor being subordinate to consideration of factors i, ii and iv.
- 49. Further details regarding these requirements are in Appendix B.
- 50. Appendix G outlines the mechanics of constructing electoral divisions.

Public announcement by the augmented Electoral Commission

- 51. Once its inquiries into objections are completed, sub-section 72(10) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to:
 - make a proposed redistribution of the state, and
 - make a public announcement.

- 52. While the augmented Electoral Commission is able to choose the means by which this public announcement is issued,¹⁶ sub-section 72(12) requires the following content:
 - the substance of the augmented Electoral Commission's findings or conclusions on the initial objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution,
 - the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution of the state, and
 - a statement whether, in the opinion of the augmented Electoral Commission, its proposed redistribution is significantly different from the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution.¹⁷
- 53. The augmented Electoral Commission did not consider its proposed redistribution to be significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee. The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement, which was made on Thursday 5 September 2024, is at Appendix H.

Determination made by the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

- 54. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the names and boundaries of electoral divisions for a state are determined when the augmented Electoral Commission publishes a notice in the Gazette.
- 55. The text of the notice published in the Gazette on Tuesday 24 September 2024 is at Appendix I.

16 Paragraph 72(10)(b) of the Electoral Act states the announcement may be made by a statement to the media or by other expeditious means.

17 In the event the augmented Electoral Commission considers its proposed redistribution to be significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee, paragraph 72(12)(d) specifies the inclusion of additional information in the public announcement.

Chapter 2 The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this redistribution. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.

The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution of Western Australia

- The augmented Electoral Commission was required to redistribute Western Australia into 16 electoral divisions.
- 57. The augmented Electoral Commission decided to adopt the proposal of the Redistribution Committee, as outlined in *Proposed redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions*, with some modifications.
- 58. There are three components to the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution:
 - where to locate the new electoral division,
 - the names of the 16 electoral divisions, and
 - where to draw the boundaries between electoral divisions in Western Australia to accommodate the new electoral division.
- 59. To assist with readability, this Chapter discussion of electoral division names will be followed by discussion of electoral division boundaries.

New electoral division

- 60. The new electoral division is located to the east of Perth and is named 'Bullwinkel' in recognition of Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000). Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel was a civilian and military nurse who was the sole survivor of the 1942 Bangka Island massacre and a prisoner of war.
- 61. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal for the new electoral division without change.

Names of electoral divisions

- 62. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposed names without change.
- 63. The augmented Electoral Commission has:
 - adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to name the new electoral Division 'Bullwinkel' in honour of Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000), and
 - adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to retain the names of the remaining 15 electoral divisions.
- 64. This is consistent with the 'Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions' (the guidelines). The augmented Electoral Commission notes that, as a result of this name change, the number of Western Australia's electoral divisions named after women has increased.
- 65. Appendix J presents some summary information about the names of Western Australia's electoral divisions and how this compares to electoral division names in place at the start of this redistribution.

Boundaries of electoral divisions

- 66. With respect to the boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to:
 - create a new electoral division which meets the requirements of the Electoral Act, and
 - alter the boundaries of 12 of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions which did not meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.
- 67. The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee with some modifications. Table E indicates the electoral divisions:
 - where the augmented Electoral Commission has modified the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee, and
 - where the augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee's boundaries without change.
- 68. As a result, all 15 former electoral divisions have different boundaries compared to those in place at the start of the redistribution.

Table E: Electoral divisions where boundaries are as proposed by the Redistribution Committee or have been modified by the augmented Electoral Commission

Boundaries which have been modified by the augmented Electoral Commission		Boundaries as proposed by the Redistribution Committee		
Canning	Hasluck	Brand	Durack	Perth
Cowan	Tangney	Bullwinkel	Moore	Swan
Forrest		Burt	O'Connor	
Fremantle		Curtin	Pearce	

69. The augmented Electoral Commission's modifications are listed in Appendix L and are discussed in the following sections.

New electoral division

- A new electoral division was required as Western Australia's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives increased from 15 to 16.¹⁸
- 71. The Redistribution Committee proposed creating the new electoral division to the east of Perth, specifically around the Perth hills and expanding east to include several semi-rural local government areas. The Redistribution Committee's new electoral division, to be named 'Bullwinkel', would incorporate electors from:
 - the rural local government areas of the Shire of Beverley, Shire of Northam, Shire of Toodyay and Shire of York, and
 - the eastern areas of the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Kalamunda, City of Swan and the Shire of Mundaring.¹⁹
- 72. The Redistribution Committee considered that creating a new electoral division in the outer eastern suburbs of Perth reflected the significant growth in the outer suburban areas of the Perth metropolitan area, the relatively even population growth to the north and south of the Swan River, and the strong communities of interests among the Perth hills communities.²⁰
- 73. The Redistribution Committee was also influenced by the challenges presented for the representation of electors by electoral divisions which cover significant geographic areas, such as the Divisions of Durack and O'Connor. As the variable dispersion of electors in Western Australia meant that it would not be possible to ensure that Western Australian electoral divisions are more uniform in geographic area while still meeting the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee chose to create a new electoral division which would result in more favourable communities of interests for all 16 electoral divisions.²¹
- 74. Some objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions made to the inquiry supported the boundaries of the new electoral division as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.²²
- 75. A number of objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions made to the inquiry were in favour of modifying the Redistribution Committee's proposal. Those offering variations advocated that:
 - the new electoral division should have an urban focus, being centred around the City of Armadale, City of Kalamunda and Shire of Mundaring, and excluding the semi-rural Shires of Beverley, Northam, Toodyay and York,²³
 - the new electoral division is too large,²⁴
 - the Shire of Beverley should not be included in the new electoral division,²⁵ or
 - the Shire of Beverley should be included in the new electoral division.²⁶

19 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 30

- 22 This was advocated by: OB32 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division), COB14 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) and IP4 Jeremy Buxton Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division).
- 23 This was advocated by: OB1 Benjamin Close, OB3 Leon Shinkai, OB4 Benjamin Close, OB42 Anonymous 2 and COB11 Darren McSweeney.
- 24 This was advocated by: OB7 Connie Saffioti and OB9 Nick.
- 25 This was advocated by: OB36 WA Labor.
- 26 This was advocated by: COB11 Darren McSweeney and COB14 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) and IP4 Jeremy Buxton Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division).

¹⁸ An explanation of the calculation behind this change in entitlement is in Appendix B of the Redistribution Committee report.

²⁰ Ibid., page 29

²¹ Ibid., page 29

- 76. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposed new electoral division was the third largest proposed electoral division by geographic area in Western Australia.²⁷ The augmented Electoral Commission also noted that the variation in geographic dispersion of electors had resulted in there only being a difference of 500 electors between the proposed Division of Durack, with an approximate area of 1,410,947 km² and the proposed Division of Curtin, with an approximate area of 92 km².²⁸
- 77. Acknowledging the benefits of the endeavour to reduce the geographic area of electoral divisions, subject to meeting the numerical requirements and other criteria of the Electoral Act, the augmented Electoral Commission agreed to continue with this approach where possible. While large geographic areas can create issues in constructing electoral divisions which recognise communities of interests, the augmented Electoral Commission noted that any one individual may identify with and belong to multiple different communities of interests and therefore any electoral division will include many different communities of interests.
- 78. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded the inclusion of one or more of the semi-rural shires in a different electoral division would require large compensating changes to a number of electoral divisions which would have similarly strong claims regarding the electoral division they should be placed in. Noting their shared communities of interests, the augmented Electoral Commission supported the co-location in one electoral division of the four geographically large and semi-rural Shires of Beverley, Northam, Toodyay and York.
- 79. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded:
 - the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound,
 - any alternatives proposed for the new electoral division or other adjustments necessary to accommodate these changes within the requirements of the Electoral Act would not result in an improved outcome at this time and would have significant consequential effects on the rest of the redistribution, and
 - the Redistribution Committee's proposal for the new electoral division should be adopted without change.
- 80. The new Division of Bullwinkel will be located to the east of Perth, specifically around the Perth hills and expanding east to include adjacent semi-rural local government areas. The new electoral division will incorporate electors from the Shire of Beverley, Shire of Northam, Shire of Toodyay and Shire of York, as well as parts of the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Kalamunda, City of Swan and the Shire of Mundaring.

- 27 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 31
- 28 Ibid., page 37

The augmented Electoral Commission's approach to naming electoral divisions

81. The naming of federal electoral divisions has been the subject of a number of recommendations from parliamentary committees. The 'Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions' were developed by the AEC from recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in 1995 in *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. The guidelines are publicly available on the AEC website (see Appendix K for a copy), with attention directed to this availability when the redistribution was advertised.

Name of the new electoral division

- 82. In proposing a name for the new electoral division, the Redistribution Committee was mindful of the guidelines: in particular the guideline that, in the main, electoral divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country. After considering the 23 potential names advocated in suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions,²⁹ the Redistribution Committee noted there would be benefits in considering a wider range of potential names, including those of prominent women.³⁰
- 83. After significant deliberation, the Redistribution Committee considered it appropriate to name the new electoral division 'Bullwinkel' in honour of Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000).³¹
- The Redistribution Committee was of the view that naming an electoral division after Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel recognised her work to:
 - move Australian nursing education from hospitals to universities,
 - honour military personnel, especially nurses, and the victims of war crimes,
 - commemorate those who died when the SS *Vyner Brooke* sunk or were subsequently killed on Bangka Island, returning to the Island in 1993 for the unveiling of a memorial honouring all 65 nurses on the SS *Vyner Brooke*, and unveiling the Nurses Memorial at Point Walter in Western Australia in 1999, and
 - highlight the treatment of prisoners of war during the Second World War.32
- 85. The Redistribution Committee recognised Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel's important connection to Western Australia formed during her 23-year residence in the state.³³ During this time she was active in the military community, the Returned Services League of WA, other returned services organisations and numerous charities. Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel made many speeches at nursing events, military functions and schools.³⁴

32 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 32

34 Kieza, Grantlee, Sister Viv, 2024, page 307

²⁹ For a list of these alternative names, see Table G in Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit. page 31

³⁰ Ibid., page 32

³¹ The name 'Bullwinkel' has been considered as a possible electoral division during the 2018 Victorian redistribution, the 2021 Victorian redistribution and the 2021 Western Australian redistribution.

³³ Ibid., page 32

- 86. The Redistribution Committee further observed that naming an electoral division after Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel recognised her dedication to honouring victims of war crimes as well as her service to nursing and the community, in both her civilian and military service. The Redistribution Committee considered that this electoral division name also honours the contribution of military medical personnel and recognises those who were prisoners of war.³⁵
- 87. A small number of objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal to name an electoral division to recognise Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel, arguing that doing so would recognise her contributions to nursing and the broader community, including through her post war career.³⁶
- 88. A substantial proportion of objections to the redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry argued that while Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel was a notable individual, the new electoral division should not be named to recognise:
 - a person who was not a Western Australian,
 - a person who relocated to Perth only in her later life,
 - a person without any connection to the new electoral division,³⁷
 - an Army officer,38 or
 - someone whose contributions had been overstated.³⁹
- 89. A number of objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections argued that 'Bullwinkel' should be used as the name of an electoral division in a state other than Western Australia on the basis that she was not born in Western Australia and only spent 23 years of her life as a resident in the state.⁴⁰
- 90. The majority of those arguing against naming the new electoral division to recognise Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel offered an alternative name. These alternative names are displayed in Table F.

- 36 OB5 Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation WA Branch, OB30 Darren McSweeney, OB32 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division), OB35 – Jeff Waddell, OB36 – WA Labor, COB11 – Darren McSweeney and COB14 – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) made this point
- 37 This argument was made by OB10 John Lyon.
- 38 This argument was made by OB8 Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D.
- 39 This argument was made by OB29 Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D.
- 40 The augmented Electoral Commission noted that, Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel was born at Kapunda in South Australia, trained as a nurse and midwife at Broken Hill in New South Wales, worked at hospitals in Hamilton and Melbourne in Victoria and moved to Perth in Western Australia in 1977. Australian War Memorial, Available at: www.awm.gov.au/collection/P10676383 Accessed: Monday 19 August 2024

³⁵ Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 33

Table F: Names advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry as alternatives to 'Bullwinkel'

Alternative names advocated in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry

Beard – in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard (1913–1942), a Western Australian nurse who served in the Australian Army during the Second World War and who was a victim of the Bangka Island massacre

Beard-Hodgson – to jointly honour two Western Australian nurses who served in the Australian Army during the Second World War and who were victims of the Bangka Island massacre:

- Sister Gp1 Alma Beard (1913–1942), and
- Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson (1908–1942)

Bullwinkel-Beard - to jointly honour:

- Vivian Statham (née Bullwinkel) AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000), a civilian and military nurse who was the sole survivor of the 1942 Bangka Island massacre and a prisoner of war and who made significant contributions to nursing, the community, and honouring victims of war crime in both her civilian and military service, and
- Sister Gp1 Alma Beard (1913–1942), who served in the Australian Army during the Second World War and who was a victim of the Bangka Island massacre

Court – in honour of Sir Charles Walter Michael Court AK KCMG OBE (1911–2007), an Australian politician and Premier of Western Australia

Currie – in honour of Captain Mark John Currie RN (1795–1874), Captain and later Vice Admiral of the Royal Navy, he played a significant role in the exploration of Australia and the foundation of the Swan River Colony

Hodgson – in honour of Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson (1908–1942), a Western Australian nurse who served in the Australian Army during the Second World War and who was a victim of the Bangka Island massacre

Hodgson-Beard – to jointly honour two Western Australian nurses who served in the Australian Army during the Second World War and who were victims of the Bangka Island massacre:

- Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson (1908–1942), and
- Sister Gp1 Alma Beard (1913–1942)

Lyon – in honour of Dr Marjorie Jean Lyon MB BS FRCS OBE (1905–1975), a surgeon who served with the Malayan Medical Service and who was a prisoner of war during the Second World War

Yagan - in honour of Yagan (1795-1833), a Noongar leader

- 91. Arguments made in support of these alternative names focused on naming an electoral division for:
 - a person who was born, lived and worked in the area included in the new electoral division,
 - a person with family and historical connections to the area included in the new electoral division, and/or
 - a person who sacrificed their life for the country.
- 92. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the commendable contributions to Australia of the alternative individuals advocated for in objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry. In particular, the focus on female nursing and medical professionals who served during the Second World War, including Dr Marjorie Jean Lyon MB BS FRCS OBE, highlights the under-representation of this group among those who are generally recognised and honoured.

- 93. The augmented Electoral Commission noted Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel's numerous accomplishments during her 23 years spent as a resident of Western Australia. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Honorary Member for Western Australia, Royal Humane Society,
 - Member of the Executive Committee of the Army Museum of Western Australia,
 - Chairperson, Women's Auxiliary Group, Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital, Perth, and
 - Warden of the Western Australian State War Memorial (first woman to be appointed).41
- Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel was one of the last 65 Australian nurses evacuated from Singapore following the Japanese invasion. Following the sinking of the SS *Vyner Brooke*, 22 Australian nurses, including Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel, made it to Radji Beach on Bangka Island. The 21 Australian nurses listed in Table G were subsequently killed at Radji Beach.

Table G: Australian nurses who were killed on Radji Beach on Bangka Island

Sister Gp1 Elaine Lenore Balfour-Ogilvy	Sister Gp1 Minnie Ivy Hodgson
Sister Gp1 Alma May Beard	Sister Gp1 Ellen Louisa Keats
Sister Ada Joyce Bridge	Sister Janet Kerr
Sister Gp1 Florence Rebecca Casson	Lieutenant Mary Eleanor McGlade
Sister Mary Elizabeth Cuthbertson	Sister Kathleen Margaret Neuss
Matron Irene Melville Drummond	Sister Florence Aubin Salmon
Sister Dorothy Gwendoline Howard 'Buddy' Elmes	Sister Esther Sarah Jean Stewart
Lieutenant Lorna Florence Fairweather	Sister Mona Margaret Anderson Tait
Sister Gp1 Peggy Everett Farmaner	Sister Bessie Wilmott
Sister Gp1 Clarice Isobel Halligan	Sister Rosetta Joan Wight
Sister Nancy Harris	

- 95. After the war, Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel made efforts to visit the families of the 21 Australian nurses to tell them of their courage during the war. She dedicated her life to ensuring the nurses killed at Bangka Island were not forgotten. It was due to her bravery and advocacy work that the stories of the nurses who died on Bangka Island, including the two Western Australian nurses whose names were put forward in objections, Sister Gp1 Alma May Beard and Sister Gp1 Minnie Ivy Hodgson, are well remembered.
- 96. In noting the views expressed by those arguing for an alternative name for the new electoral division, the augmented Electoral Commission observed:
 - naming the new electoral division 'Bullwinkel' would be consistent with the guidelines,
 - the primary consideration in these guidelines is the extent of a person's contribution to the country as a whole,
 - there is no requirement in the guidelines that a person have a connection with the area covered by the electoral division named in their honour, and
 - in any event, a connection between an electoral division name and the electoral division itself may change over time, as boundaries shift over the course of redistributions.

⁴¹ Australian War Memorial, Available at: www.awm.gov.au/collection/accessing-records-at-the-memorial/findingaids/private/bullwinkel Accessed: Monday 19 August 2024

- 97. Just as the Redistribution Committee considered the name 'Bullwinkel' also honours the contribution of military nurses and other military medical personnel and recognises those who were prisoners of war,⁴² the augmented Electoral Commission considers the name 'Bullwinkel' represents, not only Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel, but also the 21 Australian nurses who died on Radji Beach on Bangka Island, including the four Western Australian nurses:
 - Sister Gp1 Alma May Beard,
 - Sister Gp1 Peggy Everett Farmaner,
 - Sister Gp1 Minnie Ivy Hodgson, and
 - Sister Bessie Wilmott.
- 98. The augmented Electoral Commission noted numerous submissions to the inquiry which referred to:
 - the important role Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel played in preserving the legacy of these nurses,⁴³ and/or
 - the outstanding achievements of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel.44
- 99. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound and follows the guidelines. For these reasons, the augmented Electoral Commission decided the Redistribution Committee's name for the new electoral division should stand unchanged.
- 100. The new electoral division will be named 'Bullwinkel' to recognise Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel.
- 101. The augmented Electoral Commission also noted that as a result of introducing the name 'Bullwinkel':
 - the number of electoral divisions in Western Australia named after a woman has increased from 13.3 per cent to 18.8 per cent, and
 - the number of electoral divisions in Australia named after a woman has increased from 11.3 per cent to 12.0 per cent.⁴⁵
- 102. Appendix J presents some summary information about the names of Western Australia's electoral divisions and how this compares to electoral division names in place at the start of this redistribution.

Renaming of electoral divisions in Western Australia

- 103. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the names of the 15 remaining electoral divisions in Western Australia – the Divisions of Brand, Burt, Canning, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Hasluck, Moore, O'Connor, Pearce, Perth, Swan and Tangney.⁴⁶
- 104. The guidelines note that the names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons. Any decision to alter the name of an electoral division is therefore one which is not taken lightly.

- 45 This reflects the number of electoral divisions in place at 17 October 2024.
- 46 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 34

⁴² Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 33

⁴³ Submissions making this point were: IP7 - Suzanne John and IP9 - Josephine Beard.

⁴⁴ This was recognised by: IP2 – Allan Henshaw, IP3 – Peter Stewart, IP4 – Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division), IP5 – John Lyon, IP7 – Suzanne John, IP8 – Rosemary Stewart, IP9 – Josephine Beard and IP11 – Anthony Beard.

Renaming the proposed Division of Perth

- 105. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the name of the Division of Perth.
- 106. One objection to the proposed redistribution advocated renaming the proposed Division of Perth to 'Stirling' in honour of Sir James Stirling RN (1791–1865).⁴⁷ Stirling was the first Governor of the Colony of Western Australia (1828–39) and took a leading role in exploring the coastal districts near the Swan, Murray, Collie, Preston, Blackwood and Vasse Rivers.
- 107. One objection to the proposed redistribution supported the names of the electoral divisions in place at the start of the redistribution being retained.⁴⁸
- 108. The augmented Electoral Commission observed:
 - the name 'Stirling' was retired in the 2021 redistribution of Western Australia,49 and
 - insufficiently persuasive reasons to alter the name of the Division of Perth were provided in
 objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections or submissions to the inquiry.
- 109. As the name 'Perth' was used for the 1901 federal election, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that retaining the name is consistent with the guidelines that 'every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation electoral divisions'.
- 110. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal with respect to the name of the Division of Perth should stand unchanged.
- 111. The electoral division will continue to be known as the Division of Perth.

Renaming of the remaining electoral divisions

- 112. One objection to the proposed redistribution indicates support to retain the names of 15 electoral divisions in Western Australia.⁵⁰
- 113. In the absence of arguments in support of altering the names of Western Australia's electoral divisions, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand and no change will be made to the names of Western Australia's electoral divisions.
- 114. The augmented Electoral Commission has retained the names of the electoral divisions indicated in Table H.

Table H: Names of Western Australian electoral divisions retained by the augmented Electoral Commission

Names of electoral divisions			
Brand	Durack	O'Connor	
Burt	Forrest	Pearce	
Canning	Fremantle	Perth	
Cowan	Hasluck	Swan	
Curtin	Moore	Tangney	

47 This was advocated by: OB1 - Benjamin Close.

48 This was advocated by: OB36 - WA Labor.

49 augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia, Redistribution of Western Australia into electoral divisions, August 2021, page 21

50 This matter was discussed by OB36 - WA Labor.

- 115. In considering whether an existing electoral division name should be retained or retired, the starting point for any Redistribution Committee or augmented Electoral Commission is the range of ideas which are offered in the input periods available to individuals and organisations. Such ideas cover two areas:
 - a name is no longer appropriate and should be changed, and/or
 - alternative names and why they are more appropriate.
- 116. Those offering alternative names frequently seek to acknowledge the efforts of individuals or groups who may be unrecognised for their achievements. Naming an electoral division for such individuals or groups can often be seen as one way to address such imbalances and oversights.
- 117. The augmented Electoral Commission encourages individuals and organisations to continue to indicate where they consider electoral division names should be re-considered and to recommend alternative names. To enable as fulsome consideration of these recommendations as possible, the augmented Electoral Commission notes these ideas can be provided at many stages of a redistribution; however, there is benefit to these ideas being provided at the first possible opportunity to do so when suggestions to a redistribution are invited.

The augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating electoral boundaries

- 118. In deciding whether to amend the Redistribution Committee's proposal to incorporate a concept submitted in an objection, comment on objection or submission to the inquiry, the augmented Electoral Commission was mindful whether the suggested amendment would improve the Redistribution Committee's proposal. As the augmented Electoral Commission's formulation of electoral divisions must conform to the requirements of the Electoral Act, potential amendments were also analysed with respect to the requirements of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act.
- 119. The primary requirement was to ensure each electoral division remains within the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors around the projected enrolment quota (see Table B) and the redistribution quota (see Table A). In modifying the boundaries of electoral divisions proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the augmented Electoral Commission was therefore required to ensure that each electoral division in Western Australia continued to fall within the permissible ranges for the maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.
- 120. Similarly, when considering adjusting the boundary of an electoral division to better reflect one community of interests, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that such an adjustment could prompt concerns about one or more different communities of interests.⁵¹ In considering the many different communities of interests in developing a redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission may consider multiple options before deciding on its final redistribution.

⁵¹ What constitutes a community of interests can be quite subjective. As noted above, any one individual may identify with and belong to multiple different communities of interests and therefore any electoral division will include many different communities of interests.

Adjusting the boundaries of electoral divisions

- 121. In constructing its proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee noted that it was required to create a new electoral division and that 12 of the 15 electoral divisions did not satisfy the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act and therefore must change. To meet these requirements the Redistribution Committee proposed adjusting the boundaries of all Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions in place at the start of the redistribution such that:⁵²
 - where possible elector movement between electoral divisions is kept to a minimum,
 - the rural nature of the proposed Divisions of Durack, Forrest and O'Connor are maintained,
 - the geographical area of the large rural Divisions of O'Connor is reduced,
 - most divisions have a rural, regional or metropolitan focus, with future growth more evenly distributed across electoral divisions,
 - in a number of cases, suburbs or local government areas are united within one, or are shared between fewer, electoral divisions, and
 - where possible, the opportunity has been taken to provide more clearly defined electoral boundaries.
- 122. The Redistribution Committee considered this proposed redistribution would result in electoral divisions which:
 - more equitably balance elector numbers across Western Australia,
 - can accommodate the differing rate of growth and decline across Western Australia,
 - keep together or improve representation of existing communities of interests, in some cases uniting local government areas and suburbs within one electoral division, to the extent possible, and
 - use strong and readily available features, such as major roads, rivers or established administrative boundaries to define electoral division boundaries, to the extent possible.⁵³
- 123. Six electoral divisions in the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution differ from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee. These changes include:
 - the Division of Canning will retain the Shire of Waroona,
 - the Division of Cowan will retain the majority of the suburb of Malaga,
 - the Division of Fremantle will retain part of the suburb of Kardinya, south of South Street and west of North Lake Road, and
 - the Division of Tangney will retain the part of the suburb of Leeming located north of Roe Highway.
- 124. The augmented Electoral Commission considered the Redistribution Committee's proposal and agreed with much of what was proposed. Where an alternative to the Redistribution Committee's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix E, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

⁵² Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 28

⁵³ Ibid., page 25

The boundary between the proposed Division of Cowan and proposed Division of Hasluck

- 125. On the boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck needed to transfer electors to other electoral divisions to enable both electoral divisions to meet the numerical parameters required by the Electoral Act.⁵⁴
- 126. Creation of the new electoral division had a substantial impact on the Division of Hasluck, with a sizeable number of electors proposed to be transferred from the Division of Hasluck to the proposed Division of Bullwinkel. The Redistribution Committee proposed transferring the suburbs of Beechboro, Kiara, Lockridge, Malaga, Morley (part) and Noranda from the Division of Cowan to the proposed Division of Hasluck. The Redistribution Committee noted that this change supported both the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.⁵⁵
- 127. Several objections and comments on objections were in favour of retaining the suburb of Malaga in the proposed Division of Cowan.⁵⁶ Arguments for doing so observed that:
 - the suburb of Malaga is industrial in nature and contains only a small number of electors, and
 - retaining the suburb within the proposed Division of Cowan would enable a stronger boundary to be formed by using the Reid Highway.
- 128. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that this change could be accommodated within the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. As this change would provide strong and identifiable electoral division boundaries through the use of the Reid Highway, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved by altering the boundary between the Divisions of Cowan and Hasluck to follow the Reid Highway.
- 129. As a result of this change, all but a small portion of the suburb of Malaga will be located in the Division of Cowan.

The boundary between the proposed Division of Fremantle and proposed Division of Tangney

- 130. On the boundaries in place at the commencement of the redistribution, both of the Divisions of Fremantle and Tangney were required to transfer electors to other electoral divisions to ensure the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act would be met.⁵⁷
- 131. The Redistribution Committee proposed changes to the boundary between the Division of Fremantle and the Division of Tangney to reduce the number of electoral divisions the City of Melville was split across.⁵⁸ As a result of adjusting the proposed electoral division to follow the City of Melville boundary:
 - the entirety of the suburb of Kardinya was located within the proposed Division of Tangney, and
 - the portion of the suburb of Leeming located in the proposed Division of Tangney was increased.
 - 54 Ibid., page 22
 - 55 Ibid., page 48
 - 56 Those in favour included OB1 Benjamin Close, OB30 Darren McSweeney and COB14 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division).
 - 57 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 22
 - 58 Ibid., page 47-48

- 132. The suburb of Leeming is located in both the City of Cockburn and the City of Melville. The Redistribution Committee's proposed change moved the portion of Leeming located in the City of Cockburn from the Division of Tangney to the proposed Division of Fremantle and united the entirety of the City of Cockburn in a single electoral division.⁵⁹
- 133. Objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry were concerned with the electoral division in which the localities of both Kardinya and Leeming were placed.
- 134. One objection to the proposed redistribution argued the two localities should not be divided.60
- 135. Other arguments were made that:
 - it would be more appropriate to use the Roe Highway as the electoral division boundary than the local government boundary as this would allow the entirety of the locality of Leeming to be maintained within the Division of Tangney,⁶¹
 - the City of Melville boundary is not a readily identifiable electoral division boundary in the locality of Leeming as it follows a minor road and property boundaries,⁶² and
 - the locality of Leeming should not be divided between electoral divisions as a result of following a local government boundary.⁶³
- 136. One objection to the proposed redistribution observed that for this adjustment to be made, compensatory changes would be required. The compensatory change offered was to return a portion of the locality of Kardinya, specifically the area bounded by South Street, North Lake Road, Winterfold Road and the City of Melville boundary, to the proposed Division of Fremantle.⁶⁴
- 137. Moving the electoral division boundary from the local government area boundaries to follow a series of roads, including South Street, North Lake Road, the Kwinana Freeway and the Roe Highway could be accommodated within the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. Further, these changes would better reflect communities of interests and would provide more readily identifiable boundaries than many of the locality and/or local government area boundaries in this part of Perth.
- 138. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved by placing:
 - in the Division of Fremantle the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road, and
 - in the Division of Tangney the part of the suburb of Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway.
- 139. As a result of these changes, the suburbs of Kardinya and Leeming will continue to be included in two electoral divisions, as will the City of Cockburn and the City of Melville.
 - 59 Ibid., page 48
 - 60 OB40 Cr Jennifer Spanbroek argued this point.
 - 61 This point was made by OB32 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division).
 - 62 COB11 Darren McSweeney advocated this matter.
 - 63 This point was argued by COB14 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division).
 - 64 OB32 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) offered this compensatory change.

The electoral division in which the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup is located

- 140. On the boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Division of Forrest met the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.⁶⁵ Adjustments to the boundaries of the Division of Forrest were proposed by the Redistribution Committee as a consequence of adjustments made to the adjoining electoral divisions.
- 141. As a result of creating the new electoral division, electors were transferred out of the Division of O'Connor. To ensure the Division of O'Connor would meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, it was therefore necessary to transfer electors into the proposed Division of O'Connor.⁶⁶
- 142. The Redistribution Committee proposed moving the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup from the Division of Forrest to the proposed Division of O'Connor.⁶⁷
- 143. Some objections to the redistribution supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal to transfer the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup.⁶⁸
- 144. Several objections to the proposed redistribution and submissions to the inquiry argued the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup be retained in the Division of Forrest because:
 - the change was unnecessary as, on the boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Division of Forrest did not need to change to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act,⁶⁹ and
 - the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup shared economic and social communities of interests with the coastal areas of the Division of Forrest rather than with the Division of O'Connor.⁷⁰
- 145. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that, due to required changes in other parts of Western Australia, retaining the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup within the Division of Forrest could not be accommodated within the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act without changes being made to a substantial number of electoral divisions. The subsequent alterations to electoral division boundaries would see the movement of localities and/or local government areas which would have similarly strong claims regarding the electoral division in which they should be placed.
- 146. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded that:
 - the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound,
 - any alternatives proposed or other adjustments necessary to accommodate the movement of the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup within the requirements of the Electoral Act would not result in an improved outcome at this time and would have significant consequential effects on the rest of the redistribution, and
 - for these reasons, the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand unchanged.
- 147. The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup will be located in the Division of O'Connor.
 - 65 Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 46
 - 66 Ibid., page 50
 - 67 Ibid., page 50
 - 68 Support was indicated by: OB32 Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) and OB35 Jeff Waddell.
 - 69 This was argued by: OB1 Benjamin Close, OB3 Leon Shinkai, OB4 Benjamin Close and OB42 Anonymous 2.
 - 70 These points were identified by: OB6 Wendy Trow, OB11 Karyn Connor, OB12 Balingup Progress Association, OB16 Anonymous 1, OB28 – Iain Massey and OB33 – Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup.

The electoral division in which the Shire of Waroona is located

- 148. The Redistribution Committee proposed moving the Shire of Waroona from the Division of Canning to the proposed Division of Forrest. This move was proposed as a consequence of making other boundary changes to ensure all electoral divisions in Western Australia met the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act following the creation of the new division.⁷¹
- 149. Some objections to the redistribution and comments on objections supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal to transfer the Shire of Waroona.⁷²
- 150. Some objections to the proposed redistribution and submissions to the inquiry argued the Shire of Waroona be retained in the Division of Canning because:
 - the change was unnecessary as, on the boundaries in place at the start of the redistribution, the Division of Forrest did not need to change to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act,⁷³ and
 - the Shire of Waroona should remain in the Division of Canning based on communities of interests, specifically those shared with other shires responsible for the management of the Peel-Harvey Estuary.⁷⁴
- 151. The augmented Electoral Commission acknowledged the arguments made with respect to the shared communities of interests and noted that:
 - retaining the Shire of Waroona in the Division of Canning could be accommodated within the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act without making adjustments to any other proposed electoral divisions, and
 - retaining the Shire of Waroona in the Division of Canning would minimise the number of electors moving electoral division because of the redistribution.
- 152. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved by transferring the Shire of Waroona from the proposed Division of Forrest to the Division of Canning.
- 153. As a result of the augmented Electoral Commission's decision, the Shire of Waroona remains in the same electoral division as it was located in at the commencement of the redistribution.

Movement of electors between electoral divisions

154. The Redistribution Committee noted it was required to increase or decrease the number of electors in at least 12 of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions. As not all of these electoral divisions were adjacent to each other, the Redistribution Committee observed it also needed to alter the boundaries of electoral divisions which met the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act in order to ensure that all of Western Australia's electoral divisions meet the numerical requirements.⁷⁵ As a consequence of proposing changes to all of the electoral divisions in Western Australia in place at the start of the redistribution and creating one new electoral division, the Redistribution Committee

⁷¹ Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 41-42

⁷² Support was indicated by: OB32 – Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division), OB35 – Jeff Waddell, COB11 – Darren McSweeney and COB14 – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)

⁷³ This matter was advocated by: OB1 - Benjamin Close, OB3 - Leon Shinkai, OB4 - Benjamin Close and OB42 - Anonymous 2.

⁷⁴ This issue was raised by: OB3 – Leon Shinkai, OB31 – The Shire of Waroona, COB11 – Darren McSweeney, COB14 – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division) and IP1 – Tim Clynch – Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup.

⁷⁵ Redistribution Committee for Western Australia, op. cit., page 35

proposed transferring 264,547 electors, or 14.57 per cent of electors enrolled in Western Australia at the commencement of the redistribution, to another electoral division.⁷⁶

- 155. The augmented Electoral Commission was also obligated to increase or decrease the number of electors in at least 12 of Western Australia's 15 electoral divisions and to create one new electoral division. As the augmented Electoral Commission adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal with some modifications, all 15 electoral divisions in place at the start of the redistribution were required to change, however, the extent of elector movements between electoral divisions decreased from those proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
- 156. The adjustments to electoral divisions made by the augmented Electoral Commission resulted in 6,191 fewer electors moving between electoral divisions than was proposed by the Redistribution Committee. Table I outlines the extent of elector movements resulting from the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution.

Table I: Summary of movement of electors between electoral divisions

	Number	Percentage
Electors transferred to the new electoral division	115,935	6.38%
Electors transferred to another electoral division	142,421	7.84%
Total electors transferred	258,356	14.23%
Electors remaining in their former electoral division	1,557,770	85.77%
Total	1,816,126	100.00%

Note: As a result of rounding, relevant cells may not add up

Redistribution of Western Australia – by electoral division

- 157. For each of the electoral divisions in Western Australia, Table J presents:
 - initial enrolment based on enrolment figures as at Wednesday 9 August 2023,
 - percentage variation from the redistribution quota,
 - enrolment based on projected enrolment figures as at Friday 24 March 2028,
 - percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota, and
 - the approximate area of each electoral division.

76 Ibid., page 36

Electoral division				Approximate area	
	Number	Percentage variation from the redistribution quota	Number	Percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota	
Brand	106,524	-6.15%	118,114	-2.88%	309 km ²
Bullwinkel	115,935	2.14%	121,516	-0.08%	9,508 km ²
Burt	113,477	-0.03%	125,505	3.20%	222 km ²
Canning	112,253	-1.11%	123,337	1.42%	3,608 km ²
Cowan	113,864	0.31%	119,247	-1.95%	108 km ²
Curtin	114,449	0.83%	121,962	0.29%	92 km ²
Durack	114,949	1.27%	118,845	-2.28%	1,410,947 km ²
Forrest	111,918	-1.40%	118,304	-2.72%	6,454 km²
Fremantle	113,289	-0.19%	124,781	2.60%	191 km ²
Hasluck	106,753	-5.95%	120,104	-1.24%	258 km ²
Moore	118,958	4.80%	123,183	1.29%	102 km ²
O'Connor	118,099	4.04%	120,810	-0.66%	1,093,790 km ²
Pearce	107,160	-5.59%	120,025	-1.31%	755 km ²
Perth	113,179	-0.29%	121,458	-0.13%	69 km ²
Swan	114,799	1.14%	123,390	1.46%	124 km ²
Tangney	120,520	6.18%	125,264	3.00%	97 km ²
Total	1,816,126		1,945,845		

Table J: Summary of electoral divisions

158. Numerical summaries of the electoral divisions are provided in Appendix L. These summaries are provided to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

Chapter 3 Implementation of the redistribution

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Western Australia.

- 159. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions described in this report came into effect from Tuesday 24 September 2024 as this is the day on which the augmented Electoral Commission published a notice in the Gazette determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia.
- 160. However, members of the House of Representatives will not represent or contest these electoral divisions until after a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.
- 161. In practice, this means:
 - electors will continue to be represented by the members of the House of Representatives who were elected at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 21 May 2022 or at a byelection held after this date,
 - members of the House of Representatives represent the electoral divisions which were in place at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 21 May 2022,
 - where relevant, allowances for members of the House of Representatives are calculated based on the electoral divisions in place at the most recent federal general election,⁷⁷
 - from Tuesday 24 September 2024, enrolment statistics will be published based on the electoral divisions described in this report,⁷⁸ and
 - from Tuesday 24 September 2024, members of the House of Representatives are able to request copies of the electoral roll for any electoral division which includes all or part of the electoral division for which they were elected.⁷⁹

When do the new electoral divisions apply?

162. While the new names and boundaries of electoral divisions apply from Tuesday 24 September 2024, elections will not be contested on these new electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

78 Section 58 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner to publish on a monthly basis, via a notice in the Gazette, the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division, the average divisional enrolment for each state and territory and the extent to which each electoral division differs from the average divisional enrolment.

⁷⁷ See sub-section 67(3) of Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

⁷⁹ Item 15 of sub-section 90B(1) of the Electoral Act specifies the information from the electoral roll which can be supplied to a member of the House of Representatives whose electoral division is affected by a redistribution.

Do I need to do anything to change my electoral division?

- 163. Individuals do not need to take any action where their electoral division changes as the result of a redistribution. Section 86 of the Electoral Act requires the AEC to:
 - transfer the elector to the new electoral roll, and
 - notify the elector their electoral division has changed.⁸⁰

For how long will the new electoral divisions apply?

164. Sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act provides that the new electoral divisions apply until the determination of the next redistribution via publication of a notice in the Gazette. This determination may be made as a result of sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

On which electoral divisions would a by-election be contested?

165. By-elections are conducted using the electoral divisions which existed prior to the determination of the redistribution, as provided by sub-sections 73(6) and 73(7) of the Electoral Act.

How do I find out if my electoral division has changed?

- 166. You can check your enrolment by using the AEC's online enrolment verification facility available at: www.aec.gov.au/check. For privacy reasons, your electoral enrolment will only be confirmed if the details you enter are an exact match to your details on the electoral roll.
- 167. Alternatively, you can contact the AEC on 13 23 26 or use the 'Find my electorate' tool on the AEC website at: www.aec.gov.au/electorate, which will enable you to find:
 - which federal electorate you live in,
 - a profile and map of your electoral division, and
 - the name of the incumbent member of the House of Representatives for your electoral division.

Do I need to know my electoral division to enrol or update my enrolment details?

- 168. No, all you need to do is provide the details of your residential address and the AEC will tell you which electoral division you are enrolled for. You can enrol by using:
 - the AEC's online enrolment service available at: www.aec.gov.au/enrol/,
 - completing and printing a PDF enrolment form available from the AEC website and returning it to the AEC, or
 - picking up an enrolment form at any AEC office and returning it to the AEC.

⁸⁰ Sub-section 86(3) provides for this notification to be via a notice published in a newspaper or a notice delivered to the elector's address.

Where can I find information about the new electoral divisions?

169. Maps and descriptions of the new electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Where can I find information about the electoral divisions which applied at previous federal elections?

170. Maps and descriptions of previous electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Is geospatial data for the new electoral divisions available?

171. Individual state/territory boundaries are available on the relevant redistribution page and on the *Maps and Spatial Data* page of the AEC website.

Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of compliance with legislative requirements

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
ss.68(1)	Maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution to be made available in each AEC office in the state	The required information was made available in AEC offices in Western Australia from Friday 31 May 2024
ss.68(1) and 68(2)	Invitation to peruse maps showing the names and boundaries of each	Gazette notice published on Friday 31 May 2024
	proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on	Newspaper notices were published in:
	suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution and to make written objections and written	 The West Australian and The Weekend Australian on Saturday 15 June 2024,
	comments on objections	 The Farm Weekly on Thursday 20 June 2024, and
		 The Koori Mail on Wednesday 3 July 2024
para 68(2)(a)	Objections close at 6pm on the 4th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections closed at 6pm AWST on Friday 28 June 2024
ss.69(2)	Objections made available for public perusal starting on the 5th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections were made available in the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia and on the AEC website on Monday 1 July 2024
para 68(2)(b)	Comments on objections close at 6pm on the 6th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections closed at 6pm AWST on Friday 12 July 2024
ss.69(4)	Comments on objections made available for public perusal starting on the 7th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections were made available in the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia and on the AEC website on Monday 15 July 2024
ss.72(1)	Consideration of all objections and comments on objections received by the statutory timeframe	The augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 45 objections and 15 comments on objections received
ss.72(3)	Inquiry into objections held (if required)	An inquiry into objections was held in Perth on Wednesday 7 August 2024

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
ss.72(2)	Consideration of objections is to conclude before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections	Consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission was concluded on Wednesday 4 September 2024
para 72(10)(b)	The augmented Electoral Commission announces the proposed redistribution	The augmented Electoral Commission announced its proposed redistribution on Thursday 5 September 2024
ss.72(12) and 72(13)	Further objection period – if required	A further objection period was not required
ss.73(1)	Determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions published in the Gazette	The names and boundaries of electoral divisions were determined by a notice published in the Gazette on Tuesday 24 September 2024
s.74	Reasons for the determination are stated in writing	The augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for the determination are stated in Chapter 2 and Appendix E of this report

Appendix B: Operation of statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to abide by the following requirements:

- make a determination of the names and boundaries of the electoral divisions of Western Australia by a notice published in the Gazette,
- ensure the number of electoral divisions Western Australia is divided into, equals the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Western Australia at a general election, and
- abide by the following requirements:

(4) In making the determination, the augmented Electoral Commission:

(a) shall, as far as practicable, endeavour to ensure that the number of electors enrolled in each Electoral Division in the State will not, at the projection time determined under section 63A, be less than 96.5% or more than 103.5% of the average divisional enrolment of that State at that time; and

(b) subject to paragraph (a), shall give due consideration, in relation to each Electoral Division, to:

- *i.* community of interests within the Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;
- ii. means of communication and travel within the Electoral Division;
- iv. the physical features and area of the Electoral Division; and
- v. the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State;

and subject thereto the redistribution quota for the State shall be the basis for the redistribution, and the augmented Electoral Commission may adopt a margin of allowance, to be used whenever necessary, but in no case shall the redistribution quota be departed from to a greater extent than one-tenth more or one-tenth less.

(4A) When applying subsection (4), the augmented Electoral Commission must treat the matter in subparagraph (4)(b)(v) as subordinate to the matters in subparagraphs (4)(b)(i), (ii) and (iv).

These statutory requirements are expressed in a hierarchical order.

The purpose of paragraph 73(4)(a) is suggested by its history. It has undergone some transformation since the *Commonwealth Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 1983* stipulated that boundaries were to be drawn, as far as practicable, to achieve equal numbers of electors in each of a state's electoral divisions three-and-a-half years after a redistribution. By 1984 'it was observed that the three-and-a-half year rule had in some areas forced the adoption, on purely numerical grounds, of boundaries which took little account of perceived community of interest'.⁸¹ Therefore, in 1987, the rule was relaxed to permit a measure of tolerance to plus or minus two per cent from average projected enrolment. Subsequently, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concluded that:

the numerical criteria do not allow "due consideration", in the words of the Act, to be given to the qualitative factors. Rather, the political parties and others attempting to frame electoral boundaries essentially find themselves engaged in a mathematical modelling exercise. In order

⁸¹ Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, 1995, paragraph 4.3.

to relax the enrolment requirements to that extent necessary to allow a realistic degree of flexibility the Committee recommends... that subsections 66(3)(a) and 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act be amended, so as to extend the variation from average divisional enrolment allowed three-and-a-half years after a redistribution from two to 3.5 percent.⁸²

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters also, in the same report, refers to its recommended amendment as one that 'would maintain substantial restrictions on malapportionment [and] would allow other legitimate policy objectives to be more effectively met'.

Paragraph 73(4)(a) follows this recommendation. The terms of the recommendation, and the discussion which preceded it, make clear the purpose of paragraph 73(4)(a), as it now stands, and how it was intended to interact with the other criteria set out in the sub-paragraphs of paragraph 73(4)(b), to which also 'due consideration' must be given. The augmented Electoral Commission has considered the objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry and made its redistribution on this basis.

In summary, the primary criteria are to:

- endeavour to ensure that the number of electors in the electoral divisions are within a range of 3.5 per cent below or above the projected enrolment quota at the projection time, and
- ensure that current enrolments are within 10 per cent below or above the redistribution quota.

The secondary criteria are community of interests, means of communication and travel, and physical features and area. The augmented Electoral Commission also considers the boundaries of existing electoral divisions; however, this criterion is subordinate to the others.

Appendix C: Objections to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia

A total of 45 written objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
OB1	Benjamin Close	Division names and division boundaries	All WA electoral divisions and the new electoral division
OB2	Teodora Mustac	Other	
OB3	Leon Shinkai	Division boundaries	All WA electoral divisions and the new electoral division
OB4	Benjamin Close	Division boundaries	Bullwinkel, Burt, Canning, Cowan, Curtin, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Moore, O'Connor and Tangney
OB5	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation – WA Branch	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB6	Wendy Trow	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor
OB7	Connie Saffioti	Division boundaries	Bullwinkel
OB8	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB9	Nick	Division boundaries	Bullwinkel
OB10	John Lyon	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB11	Karyn Connor	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor
OB12	Balingup Progress Association	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor
OB13	Patricia Young	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB14	James McLaughlin	Division boundaries	Hasluck and Perth
OB15	Ray Mills	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB16	Anonymous 1	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor
OB17	Beverly Kate Casey	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB18	Rosemary Madacsi	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB19	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB20	Harold Hitchcock	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB21	Sharne Brough	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB22	Suzanne John	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB23	Withdrawn		
OB24	David Dyson	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB25	Suzanne Jackson	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB26	Maurice Jackson	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB27	Withdrawn		
OB28	lain Massey	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
OB29	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB30	Darren McSweeney	Division names and division boundaries	All WA electoral divisions and the new electoral division
OB31	Shire of Waroona	Division boundaries	Canning and Forrest
OB32	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	Division names and division boundaries	All WA electoral divisions and the new electoral division
OB33	Shire of Donnybrook- Balingup	Division boundaries	Forrest and O'Connor
OB34	Marion Beard, Peter Beard, Anthony Beard, Josephine Beard, Michael Beard, Erica Peet, Graham Johnson, Janice Mairata, and Paul Johnson	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB35	Jeff Waddell	Division names and division boundaries	All WA electoral divisions and the new electoral division
OB36	WA Labor	Division names and division boundaries	Bullwinkel and O'Connor
OB37	Rosemary Stewart	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB38	Darren West MLC	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB39	Allan Henshaw	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB40	Cr Jennifer Spanbroek	Division boundaries	Tangney
OB41	Shire of Toodyay	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB42	Anonymous 2	Division boundaries	Bullwinkel, Burt, Canning, Durack, Forrest, Hasluck, O'Connor and Swan
OB43	Angela Boulter	Division names	Bullwinkel
OB44	Withdrawn		
OB45	Felicity Bowskill	Division names	Bullwinkel

Appendix D: Comments on objections to the proposed redistribution of Western Australia

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to	Objections referred to in comment
COB1	Benjamin Close	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB6, OB10, OB11, OB12, OB28
COB2	Rosemary Stewart	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB22, OB24, OB37, OB43, OB45
COB3	Dr D H Stewart	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB22, OB24, OB37, OB43, OB45
COB4	Natalie Marino	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB1, OB8, OB10, OB13, OB15, OB17, OB18, OB19, OB20, OB21, OB22, OB24, OB25, OB26, OB29, OB34, OB37, OB38, OB41, OB43, OB45
COB5	Daniel Ross	Division names	Bullwinkel	
COB6	James Stewart	Division names	Bullwinkel	
COB7	Benjamin Close	Division boundaries		
COB8	John Lyon	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB10
COB9	Dorothy Deacon	Division names	Bullwinkel	
COB10	Leon Hamilton	Division names		OB43
COB11	Darren McSweeney	Division names and division boundaries	Bullwinkel, Burt, Canning, Cowan, Durack, Forrest, Fremantle, Hasluck, O'Connor, Perth, Tangney	OB1, OB2, OB3, OB4, OB5, OB6, OB7, OB8, OB9, OB10, OB11, OB12, OB13, OB14, OB15, OB16, OB17, OB18, OB19, OB20, OB21, OB22, OB24, OB25, OB26, OB28, OB29, OB30, OB31, OB32, OB33, OB34, OB35, OB36, OB37, OB38, OB39, OB40, OB41, OB42, OB43, OB45
COB12	Allan Henshaw	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB32
COB13	Hon Mia Davies MLA	Division names	Bullwinkel	
COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	Division names and division boundaries	Bullwinkel, Canning, Cowan, Forrest, Hasluck, Perth, O'Connor, Pearce, Swan, Tangney	OB1, OB3, OB4, OB5, OB6, OB7, OB8, OB9, OB10, OB11, OB12, OB14, OB16, OB19, OB28, OB29, OB30, OB31, OB33, OB34, OB35, OB36, OB37, OB40, OB41, OB42
COB15	Angela Boulter	Division names	Bullwinkel	OB5, OB8, OB10, OB13, OB15, OB17, OB18, OB19, OB20, OB21, OB22, OB24, OB25, OB26, OB29, OB30, OB32, OB34, OB35, OB36, OB37, OB38, OB39, OB41, OB43, OB45

A total of 15 written comments on objections were received.

Appendix E: The augmented Electoral Commission's response to themes contained in objections, comments on objections and in submissions to the inquiry into objections

Table K: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the name of electoral divisions

Objections, comments on		Submission	The augmented Electoral
objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	Commission has concluded that
the new electoral division be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO	OB5	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation – WA Branch	the new electoral division will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO
MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA	OB30	Darren McSweeney	MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution
	OB32	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	Committee, in recognition of her lifetime of service and significant
	OB35	Jeff Waddell	contribution to Australia, both
	OB36	WA Labor	during and after the Second World War
	COB11	Darren McSweeney	
	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	
	IP4	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	
the new electoral division not be named in honour of Lieutenant	OB8	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	the new electoral division will be named in honour of Lieutenant
Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO	OB10	John Lyon	Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO
MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA	OB13	Patricia Young	MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution
	OB15	Ray Mills	Committee, in recognition of her
	OB17	Beverly Kate Casey	lifetime of service and significant contribution to Australia, both
	OB18	Rosemary Madacsi	during and after the Second
	OB19	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	World War
	OB20	Harold Hitchcock	
	OB21	Sharne Brough	
	OB22	Suzanne John	
	OB24	David Dyson	
	OB25	Suzanne Jackson	
	OB26	Maurice Jackson	
	OB29	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	
	OB34	Marion Beard, Peter Beard, Anthony Beard, Josephine Beard, Michael Beard, Erica Peet, Graham Johnson, Janice Mairata, and Paul Johnson	

Objections, comments on		Submission	The augmented Electoral
objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	Commission has concluded that
	OB37	Rosemary Stewart	
	OB38	Darren West MLC	
	OB39	Allan Henshaw	
	OB41	Shire of Toodyay	
	OB43	Angela Boulter	
	OB45	Felicity Bowskill	
	COB1	Benjamin Close	
	COB2	Rosemary Stewart	
	COB3	Dr D H Stewart	
	COB4	Natalie Marino	
	COB5	Daniel Ross	
	COB6	James Stewart	
	COB8	John Lyon	
	COB9	Dorothy Deacon	
	COB10	Leon Hamilton	
	COB12	Allan Henshaw	-
	COB15	Angela Boulter	-
	IP2	Allan Henshaw	
	IP6	Angela Boulter	
	IP7	Suzanne John	
the new electoral division be	OB13	Patricia Young	the new electoral division will not
named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard	OB15	Ray Mills	be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard and will be
Opt Aina Beald	OB17	Beverly Kate Casey	named in honour of Lieutenant
	OB18	Rosemary Madacsi	Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO
	OB20	Harold Hitchcock	MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution
	OB21	Sharne Brough	Committee
	OB25	Suzanne Jackson	
	OB26	Maurice Jackson	
	OB34	Marion Beard, Peter Beard, Anthony Beard, Josephine Beard, Michael Beard, Erica Peet, Graham Johnson, Janice Mairata, and Paul Johnson	
	OB36	WA Labor	
	OB38	Darren West MLC	
	OB39	Allan Henshaw	
	OB41	Shire of Toodyay	
	COB4	Natalie Marino	

Objections, comments on		Submission	The augmented Electoral
objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	Commission has concluded that
	COB11	Darren McSweeney	
	COB12	Allan Henshaw	_
	COB13	Hon Mia Davies MLA	_
	IP2	Allan Henshaw	_
	IP11	Anthony Beard	
the new electoral division should	COB1	Benjamin Close	the new electoral division will not
not be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be	OB37	Rosemary Stewart	the new electoral division will not
named in honour of Sister	COB4	Natalie Marino	 be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson and will be
Gp1 Minnie Hodgson	COB11	Darren McSweeney	named in honour of Lieutenant
	COB13	Hon Mia Davies MLA	Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, a proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division should not be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	the new electoral division will not be named in honour of Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be	OB22	Suzanne John	the new electoral division will not
jointly named in honour of:	OB24	David Dyson	 be jointly named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard and Sister
 Sister Gp1 Alma Beard, and Sister Cp1 Minpie Hedgeop 	OB43	Angela Boulter	_ Gp1 Minnie Hodgson and will be
 Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson 	COB2	Rosemary Stewart	named in honour of Lieutenant
	COB3	Dr D H Stewart	Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as
	COB6	James Stewart	_ proposed by the Redistribution
	COB10	Leon Hamilton	Committee
	COB15	Angela Boulter	_
	IP2	Allan Henshaw	-
	IP6	Angela Boulter	_
	IP8	Rosemary Stewart	_
	IP9	Josephine Beard	-
	IP10	Don Stewart	

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the new electoral division should not be jointly named in honour of:Sister Gp1 Alma Beard, andSister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson	COB11	Darren McSweeney	the new electoral division will not be jointly named in honour of Sister Gp1 Alma Beard and Sister Gp1 Minnie Hodgson and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be	OB10	John Lyon	the new electoral division will not
named in honour of Dr Marjorie	COB8	John Lyon	be named in honour of Dr Marjorie
Lyon MB BS FRCS OBE	IP5	John Lyon	 Lyon MB BS FRCS OBE and will be named in honour of Lieutenant
	IP7	Suzanne John	Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division	COB1	Benjamin Close	the new electoral division will not
shouldnot be named in honour of Dr Marjorie Lyon MB BS	COB11	Darren McSweeney	 be named in honour of Dr Marjorie Lyon MB BS FRCS OBE and will
FRCS OBE	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be named in honour of a Noongar	OB8	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	the new electoral division will not be named in honour of a Noongar
person or word	OB19	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	person or word and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel
	OB29	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	 Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	COB4	Natalie Marino	_
the new electoral division	OB1	Benjamin Close	the new electoral division will
be named in honour of Captain Mark John Currie RN	COB1	Benjamin Close	 not be named in honour of Captain Mark John Currie RN and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be named in honour of Yagan	OB29	Professor Peter Hancock Ph.D	the new electoral division will not be named in honour of Yagan
	COB4	Natalie Marino	and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the new electoral division should not be named in honour of Yagan	COB11	Darren McSweeney	the new electoral division will not be named in honour of Yagan and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the new electoral division be named in honour of an outstanding West Australian	OB45	Felicity Bowskill	the new electoral division will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, who formed an important connection to Western Australia during her 23-year residence in the state
the new electoral division be named in honour of all nurses that served	IP7	Suzanne John	the new electoral division will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, which also honours the contribution of military nurses, and other medical personnel, prisoners of war and the 21 Australian nurses who died on Bangka Island
the new electoral division be named in honour of Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE	IP3	Peter Stewart CFP® AEPS® FAFA Dip FP Dip LI Justice of the Peace	the new electoral division will not be named in honour of Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE and will be named in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
 the new electoral division be jointly named in honour of: Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, and Sister Gp1 Alma Beard 	IP9	Josephine Beard	the new electoral division will not be jointly named, but will be named solely in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Perth be re-named in honour of Sir James Stirling	OB1	Benjamin Close	the name of the Division of Perth will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Note:

1. OB = objection received

2. COB = comment on objections received

3. IP = participant on Wednesday 7 August 2024 at the inquiry into objections held in Perth

4. Refer to Appendix C, Appendix D or Appendix F for full list of objections and comments on objections received and participants at the inquiry

Objections, comments on objections and submission to		Submission	The augmented Electoral Commission
the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	has concluded that
Western Australia should not gain a new electoral division	OB2	Teodora Mustac	the objection was not based on a ground that could be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission in making a redistribution of electoral divisions.
			The augmented Electoral Commission came to this conclusion as:
			 paragraph 59(2)(a) of the Electoral Act requires a direction to commence a redistribution be made forthwith after the making of a determination resulting in an alteration of the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the State at a general election, and
			 a determination altering Western Australia's number of members was made on Thursday 27 July 2023
the redistribution process has not been executed in accordance with the Electoral Act as suggestions were not re-invited	OB35	Jeff Waddell	 the redistribution has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act, and
following release of revised ABS projected enrolment data			 the suggestions period was conducted in accordance with section 65 of the Electoral Act
trend enrolment should be used instead of projected enrolment	OB35	Jeff Waddell	as per the requirements of paragraph 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act, the redistribution has been conducted using projected enrolment
the approach to the redistribution should be more pragmatic, aggressive and forward thinking, improving shapes and communities of interests and reuniting suburbs and local government areas	COB7	Benjamin Close	the augmented Electoral Commission notes that, within the numerical parameters and the other required criteria of the Electoral Act, it gives due consideration, to the extent possible, to maintaining and improving communities of interests and keeping local government areas and/or suburbs united in the same electoral division

Table L: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry relating to the placement of electoral divisions and divisional boundaries

Objections, comments on		Submission	The augmented
objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	Electoral Commission has concluded that
the redistribution of Western Australia as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB35	Jeff Waddell	 to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of Western Australian electoral divisions will be as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following changes: the Shire of Waroona will be retained in the Division of Canning the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be retained in the Division of Cowan the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be retained in the Division of Fremantle, and the part of the suburb of
			Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway will be retained in the Division of Tangney
the boundaries of the Division	OB1	Benjamin Close	the boundaries of the Division of
of Brand as proposed by the Redistribution Committee	OB3	Leon Shinkai	 Brand will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	
the boundaries of the Division of Bullwinkel as proposed by	OB32	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	the boundaries of the Division of Bullwinkel will remain as proposed
the Redistribution Committee be adopted	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	by the Redistribution Committee
	IP4	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	
the proposed Division of	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
Bullwinkel be amended to have an urban focus, being centred	OB3	Leon Shinkai	Australia's 16 electoral divisions - meet all of the requirements of
around the City of Armadale,	OB4	Benjamin Close	the Electoral Act, the boundaries
City of Kalamunda and Shire of	OB42	Anonymous 2	of the Division of Bullwinkel
Mundaring, and excluding the semi-rural Shires of Beverley, Northam, Toodyay and York	COB11	Darren McSweeney	will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the proposed Division of Bullwinkel is too large and does not represent communities of interests	OB7	Connie Saffioti	to ensure that each of Western
	OB9	Nick	Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Bullwinkel will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

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Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Burt as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gain the suburbs of Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Jandakot and Treeby from the Division of Fremantle	OB4	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Burt will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Jandakot and Treeby will be retained in the Division of Fremantle
the Division of Burt retain the suburbs of Kelmscott and Mount Nasura	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Burt will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Mount Nasura and the part of the suburb of Kelmscott east of the Albany Highway will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel
the Division of Burt retain the suburb of Kelmscott	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Burt will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The part of the suburb of Kelmscott east of the Albany Highway will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel
the existing southern boundary of the Division of Burt is retained	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Burt will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Burt as proposed	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western
by the Redistribution Committee gains the entirety of the suburb of Byford	OB42	Anonymous 2	Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Burt will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, with:
			 the part of the suburb of Byford to the west of the South Western Highway located in the Division of Burt, and
			 the part of the suburb to the east retained in the Division of Canning
the boundaries of the Division of Canning as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Canning will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change: • the Shire of Waroona will
			be retained in the Division of Canning
the Division of Canning retains the	OB1	Benjamin Close	to maintain communities of
Shire of Waroona	OB3	Leon Shinkai	 interests, the boundaries of the Division of Canning will
	OB31	Shire of Waroona	remain as proposed by the
	COB11	Darren McSweeney	Redistribution Committee with the
	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	following change:the Shire of Waroona will
	IP1	Tim Clynch – Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	 be retained in the Division of Canning
the Division of Canning as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gains the Shire of Boddington from the Division of O'Connor	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Canning will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change: • the Shire of Waroona will
			be retained in the Division of Canning
			The Shire of Boddington will be retained in the Division of O'Connor

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Cowan retains the suburb of Malaga	OB1 OB3 OB30 COB14	Benjamin Close Leon Shinkai Darren McSweeney	to ensure electoral boundaries use strong and identifiable features, - the boundaries of the Division of Cowan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be retained in the Division of Cowan
the existing Division of Cowan gains the suburbs of Karrinyup and part of Gwelup	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Cowan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be retained in the Division of Cowan
the Division of Cowan retain the suburb of Stirling in its entirety and gains the suburbs of Joondanna, Tuart Hill, Yokine and part of the suburb of Osborne Park	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Cowan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be retained in the Division of Cowan.
			As proposed by the Redistribution Committee:
			 the part of the suburb of Stirling north of Karrinyup Road will be retained in the Division of Cowan,
			 the part of the suburb to the south of Karrinyup Road will be located in the Division of Perth, and
			 the suburbs of Joondanna, Tuart Hill, Yokine and the part of the suburb of Osborne Park east of the Mitchell Freeway will be retained in the Division of Perth

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the boundaries of the Division of Curtin as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Curtin will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Curtin retains the suburb of Karrinyup in its entirety	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act and are formed by strong, identifiable boundaries, the boundaries of the Division of Curtin will remain proposed by the Redistribution Committee:
			 the part of the suburb of Karrinyup to the north of Karrinyup Road will be located in the Division of Moore, and
			 the part to the south will be located in the Division of Curtin
the Division of Curtin as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gains the suburbs of Carine, Gwelup, North Beach, Trigg (part), and Watermans Bay	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Curtin will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Carine, Gwelup, North Beach, part of Trigg, and Watermans Bay will be located in the Division of Moore
the boundaries of the Division of Durack as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Durack will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Durack retains	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
the Shires of Northam, Toodyay and York	OB3	Leon Shinkai	 Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the
	OB42	Anonymous 2	Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Durack will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The Shires of Northam, Toodyay and York will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission
	No.	Submitted by	has concluded that
the Division of Durack retain the Shire of Toodyay	OB30	30 Darren McSweeney	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Durack will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The Shire of Toodyay will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel
the boundaries of the Division of Forrest as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	COB11	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Forrest will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the Shire of Waroona will be located in the Division of Canning
the existing boundaries of the	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
Division of Forrest be retained	OB3	Leon Shinkai	 Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of
	OB4	Benjamin Close	the Electoral Act, the boundaries
	OB42	Anonymous 2	of the Division of Forrest will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the Shire of Waroona will be located in the Division of Canning
the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	OB6	Wendy Trow	to ensure that each of Western
be retained in the Division of Forrest	OB11	Karyn Connor	Australia's 16 electoral divisions — meet all of the requirements of
orronest	OB12	Balingup Progress Association	the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Forrest will
	OB16	Anonymous 1	remain as proposed by the
	OB28	lain Massey	 Redistribution Committee with the following change:
	OB33	Shire of Donnybrook- Balingup	 the Shire of Waroona will be located in the Division of
	IP1	Tim Clynch – Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Canning The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup will be located in the Division of O'Connor

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Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the town of Harvey be removed from the proposed Division of Forrest	OB16	Anonymous 1	 to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Forrest will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change: the Shire of Waroona will be located in the Division of Canning
			The town of Harvey will be retained in the Division of Forrest
the boundaries of the Division	OB3	Leon Shinkai	the boundaries of the Division of
of Fremantle as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	Fremantle will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following changes:
			 the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be retained in the Division of Fremantle, and
			 the part of the suburb of Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway will be located in the Division of Tangney
the Division of Fremantle as	OB1	Benjamin Close	the boundaries of the Division of
proposed by the Redistribution Committee gain the suburb of Bicton from Tangney	OB4	Benjamin Close	Fremantle will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following changes:
			 the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be retained in the Division of Fremantle, and
			 the part of the suburb of Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway will be located in the Division of Tangney.
			The suburb of Bicton will be retained in the Division of Tangney

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Fremantle retain the part of the suburb of Kardinya	OB32	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions
south of South Street and west of North Lake Road	COB11	Darren McSweeney	 meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act:
North Late Hoad	IP4	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	 the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be located in the Division of Fremantle, and
			 the remainder of the suburb of Kardinya will be located within the Division of Tangney
the suburb of Kardinya should not be divided between electoral divisions	OB40	340 Cr Jennifer Spanbroek	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act:
			 the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be located in the Division of Fremantle, and
			 the remainder of the suburb of Kardinya will be located within the Division of Tangney
the Division of Hasluck as	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
proposed by the Redistribution Committee gains the suburbs	OB3	Leon Shinkai	 Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of
of Bullsbrook and Walyunga	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the Electoral Act, the boundaries
National Park	OB42	Anonymous 2	of the Division of Hasluck will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be located in the Division of Cowan.
			The suburbs of Bullsbrook and Walyunga National Park will be retained in the Division of Durack

Objections, comments on objections and submission to		Submission	The augmented Electoral Commission
the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	has concluded that
the Division of Hasluck as	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
proposed by the Redistribution Committee gain the SA2 of	OB3	Leon Shinkai	Australia's 16 electoral divisions - meet all of the requirements of
Melaleuca-Lexia from the Division	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the Electoral Act, the boundaries
of Pearce	COB14	OB14 Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	of the Division of Hasluck will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following change:
			 the majority of the suburb of Malaga will be located in the Division of Cowan.
			The SA2 of Melaleuca-Lexia will be retained in the Division of Pearce
the boundaries of the Division of Moore as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Moore will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the existing boundaries of the Division of Moore be retained	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Moore will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Moore as proposed by the Redistribution Committee retains the suburbs of Burns Beach and Kinross	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Moore will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Burns Beach and Kinross will be located in the Division of Pearce
the Division of Moore as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gains the suburbs of Greenwood and Warwick	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Moore will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Greenwood and Warwick will be retained in the Division of Cowan
the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

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Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the existing boundaries of the Division of O'Connor be retained	OB1 OB4	Benjamin Close Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions
	OB4 OB42	Anonymous 2	meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of O'Connor should retain the Shire of Beverley	OB36	WA Labor	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The Shire of Beverley will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel
the Division of O'Connor retains	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
the Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Tammin, Trayning, Westonia and Wyalkatchem	OB3	Leon Shinkai	Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee:
			 the Shire of Beverley will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel, and
			 the Shires of Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Tammin, Trayning, Westonia and Wyalkatchem will be located in the Division of Durack
the Division of O'Connor gains the Shire of Dowerin	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of O'Connor will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The Shire of Dowerin will be retained in the Division of Durack
the boundaries of the Division of Pearce as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Pearce will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Pearce retains the suburbs of Darch, Madeley, and Wangara and part of the suburb of Landsdale	OB1 OB3	Benjamin Close Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Pearce will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Darch, Madeley, Wangara and Landsdale will be located in the Division of Cowan
the boundaries of the Division of Perth as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Perth will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
supports the Redistribution Committee's proposed changes to the western boundary of the Division of Perth to follow the Tonkin Highway	OB3	Leon Shinkai	the boundaries of the Division of Perth will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the proposed Division of Perth retains the entirety of the suburb of Bayswater	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Perth will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee:
			 the part of the suburb of Bayswater to the west of the Tonkin Highway will be retained in the Division of Perth, and
			 the part to the east will be located in the Division of Hasluck
the Division of Perth as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gains the suburbs of Daglish, Jolimont, Subiaco, Wembley, West Leederville, and part of the suburb of Shenton Park	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Perth will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Daglish, Jolimont, Subiaco, Wembley, West Leederville, and Shenton Park will be retained in the Division of Curtin

Objections, comments on	Submission		The augmented
objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submitted by	Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Town of Bassendean be retained in the Division of Perth	OB14	James McLaughlin	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Perth will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The Town of Bassendean will be located in the Division of Hasluck
the boundaries of the Division of Swan as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Swan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Swan retains the suburbs of Forrestfield and Wattle Grove	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Swan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Forrestfield and Wattle Grove will be located in the Division of Bullwinkel
the Division of Swan as proposed by the Redistribution Committee gain the suburb of Parkwood	OB3	Leon Shinkai	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Swan will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburb of Parkwood will be retained in the Division of Tangney
the boundaries of the Division of Tangney as proposed by the Redistribution Committee be adopted	OB30	Darren McSweeney	the boundaries of the Division of Tangney will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Table L (continued)

Objections, comments on objections and submission to the inquiry recommend that	No.	Submission Submitted by	The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that
the Division of Tangney retain the	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western
part of the suburb of Leeming located north of the Roe Highway	OB32	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of
	COB11	Darren McSweeney	- the Electoral Act, the Division of Tangney will remain as proposed
	IP4	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A.	by the Redistribution Committee with the following changes:
		Division)	 the part of the suburb of Kardinya located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road will be located in the proposed Division of Fremantle, and
			 the part of the suburb of Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway will be retained in the Division of Tangney
the suburb of Leeming should	OB40	Cr Jennifer Spanbroek	the Redistribution Committee's
not be divided between electoral divisions	COB14	Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)	proposal will be altered such that the part of the suburb of Leeming located to the north of the Roe Highway will be retained in the Division of Tangney.
			This unites the inhabited areas of Leeming in one electoral division
the Division of Tangney retains the suburbs of Ferndale, Lynwood and Wilson	OB1	Benjamin Close	to ensure that each of Western Australia's 16 electoral divisions meet all of the requirements of the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the Division of Tangney will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.
			The suburbs of Ferndale, Lynwood and Wilson will be located in the Division of Swan

Note:

1. OB = objection received

2. COB = comment on objections received

3. IP = participant on Wednesday 7 August 2024 at the inquiry into objections held in Perth

4. Refer to Appendix C, Appendix D or Appendix F for full list of objections and comments on objections received and participants at the inquiry

Appendix F: Inquiry into objections

Eleven submissions were made at the inquiry held by the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia in Perth on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

No.	Participant
IP1	Tim Clynch – Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
IP2	Allan Henshaw
IP3	Peter Stewart
IP4	Jeremy Buxton – Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division)
IP5	John Lyon
IP6	Angela Boulter
IP7	Suzanne John
IP8	Rosemary Stewart
IP9	Josephine Beard
IP10	Don Stewart
IP11	Anthony Beard

Appendix G: Constructing electoral boundaries

The AEC maintains the electoral roll on the basis of alignment to SA1s, and is able to provide data on enrolments and projected enrolments at this level. Accordingly, in formulating its proposals, the augmented Electoral Commission used SA1s as its basic building blocks. The SA1s have defined boundaries and are of differing sizes and shapes. In cases where the augmented Electoral Commission considered that a particular SA1 boundary was inappropriate for use as an electoral division boundary, the SA1 was split to provide a more meaningful boundary.

The indicative area of electoral divisions in Western Australia has been calculated by aggregating the area of:

- all land-based SA1s;
- any parts of land-based SA1s; and
- any lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, wetlands or marshes not already included in land-based SA1s, that are contained within the divisional boundary of each electoral division.

Areas are calculated using the AEC's Electoral Boundary Mapping System (EBMS), developed within the 'MapInfo Professional' software package.

The augmented Electoral Commission used EBMS as an aid to model various boundary options.

Appendix H: Announcement of the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement of its proposed redistribution, as published on Thursday 5 September 2024, is reproduced below.

Names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia decided

The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia today announced the final outcome of the Western Australian federal redistribution.

The Hon. Susan Kenny AM KC, the presiding member, thanked the individuals and organisations who contributed to the redistribution.

"All written objections and comments, as well as the information presented at the inquiry, have been carefully considered in deciding the final names and boundaries," she said.

"The augmented Electoral Commission has unanimously accepted the creation of the new Division of Bullwinkel and has agreed to modify the boundaries of six of the electoral divisions initially proposed in May," she said.

As a result of these modifications, fewer electors will change their electoral division.

Electoral division names

All seat names initially proposed in May have been adopted.

This means that Western Australia will retain the names of the 15 current electoral divisions while naming the new electoral division 'Bullwinkel' in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000).

Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel

The augmented Electoral Commission agreed that naming an electoral division after Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel recognised her significant contribution to Australia, her important connection to Western Australia formed during her 23-year residence in the state, and her work to:

- move Australian nursing education from hospitals to universities,
- honour military personnel, especially nurses and medical personnel, and the victims of war crimes,
- commemorate those killed on Bangka Island, and
- highlight the treatment of prisoners of war during World War II.

Naming an electoral division after Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel not only recognises Bullwinkel herself, but also honours the contribution of military nurses and other medical personnel, prisoners of war and the 21 nurses who died on Bangka Island.

Electoral division boundaries

The initial redistribution proposal has been modified by placing:

- the Shire of Waroona in the proposed Division of Canning
 - this means it remains in the same division as it is currently
 - the proposal had the Shire of Waroona in the proposed Division of Forrest

- the suburb of Malaga in the proposed Division of Cowan
 - this means it remains in the same division as it is currently
 - the proposal had the suburb of Malaga in the proposed Division of Hasluck
- part of the suburb of Kardinya (located to the south of South Street and west of North Lake Road) in the proposed Division of Fremantle
 - the proposal had that part of the suburb of Kardinya in the proposed Division of Tangney
- part of the suburb of Leeming (part of the City of Cockburn, located to the north of the Roe Highway) in the proposed Division of Tangney
 - the proposal had that part of the suburb of Leeming in the proposed Division of Fremantle

Next steps

The names and boundaries announced today are not considered to be significantly different from the initial proposal in May. Therefore, no further input from members of the public will be sought.

Western Australia's new names and boundaries will be formally determined on 24 September 2024, when a notice of determination is published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette*. While members of the House of Representatives will continue to represent their current seats, a federal election with a writ issued after 24 September will be run on the new boundaries.

Overview maps will be available on the AEC website on 24 September 2024. Detailed maps and a report outlining the augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for its formal determination will be tabled in federal parliament and will subsequently be made publicly available.

Editor's notes:

- Initial proposal for the redistribution of Western Australia (31 May 2024)
- Written objections and comments on those objections are all available via the dedicated redistributions website as well as a full overview of the augmented Electoral Commission's conclusions on objections.
- More information about the Western Australian federal redistribution
- Victorian federal redistribution: The announcement of the final names and boundaries of the 38 electoral divisions in Victoria.
- New South Wales federal redistribution: The augmented Electoral Commission for New South Wales is currently deliberating on the names and boundaries of the 46 electoral divisions in New South Wales.

Appendix I: Determination of electoral divisions in Western Australia by the augmented Electoral Commission

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's determination of electoral divisions in Western Australia, published in the Gazette on Tuesday 24 September 2024 is reproduced below.

Determination of names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia: 24 September 2024

As determined by the Electoral Commissioner on 27 July 2023, Western Australia is entitled to 16 members of the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act), the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has determined the names of the 16 electoral divisions are:

Brand

Bullwinkel

- Cowan
- Curtin
- Durack
- Forrest
- HasluckMoore

Fremantle

O'Connor

- Swan
 - Tangney

Pearce

Perth

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has determined that the boundaries of these electoral divisions are as shown on the maps displayed on the Australian Electoral Commission website at www.aec.gov.au/ Electorates/Redistributions and lodged in file number 2024/10799 at the National Office of the Australian Electoral Commission in Canberra.

The augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia has made decisions in accordance with the requirements of sub-sections 73(3), 73(4) and 73(4A) of the Electoral Act.

As provided for by sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, and subject to the provisions of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions determined by this notice will apply from 24 September 2024 until the next determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Western Australia is published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* pursuant to sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

Pursuant to sub-section 73(6) of the Electoral Act, until the next following expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives, the redistribution does not affect the election of a new member to fill a vacancy happening in the House of Representatives.

The Hon. Susan Kenny AM KC Chairperson Augmented Electoral Commission for Western Australia

Burt



Appendix J: Comparison of Western Australia electoral division names

Category	Western Australia electoral divisions in this category as at Monday 2 August 2021	Western Australia electoral divisions in this category as at Tuesday 24 September 2024
Electoral division is named after one or more people	12 of 15 (80.0%)	13 of 16 (81.3%)
Electoral division is named after a man	6 of 15 (40.0%)	6 of 16 (37.5%)
Electoral division is named after a woman	2 of 15 (13.3%)	3 of 16 (18.8%)
Electoral division is jointly named	4 of 15 (26.7%)	4 of 16 (25.0%)
Electoral division is named after a former Prime Minister	1 of 15 (6.7%)	1 of 16 (6.3%)
Electoral division is named after a geographical feature	3 of 15 (20.0%)	3 of 16 (18.8%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person or word	1 of 15 (6.7%)	1 of 16 (6.3%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person	1 of 15 (6.7%)	1 of 16 (6.3%)
Electoral division is named for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander word	0 of 15 (0.0%)	0 of 16 (0.0%)
Electoral division name is that of an original Federation electoral division	3 of 15 (20.0%)	3 of 16 (18.8%)

Source: Data available at: www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/electoral-names.htm

Note:

1. Jointly named electoral divisions are those which have been named for a husband and wife, for a family, or for a group of individuals with a common surname who may or may not be related.

2. Electoral divisions named for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander word include those named for an anglicised version of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander word.

3. Federation electoral divisions are those which were in place for the 1901 election.

Appendix K: Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions

Determining the names of federal electoral divisions is part of the process of conducting a federal redistribution within a state or territory.

The criteria used by redistribution committees to propose the names of electoral divisions, and used by augmented electoral commissions to determine the names of electoral divisions, have previously been the subject of recommendations from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. From these recommendations, a set of guidelines were developed as a point of reference only.

It should be noted that redistribution committees and augmented electoral commissions consider the guidelines, they are in no way bound by the guidelines.

Naming after persons

In the main, electoral divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country.

When new electoral divisions are created the names of former Prime Ministers should be considered.

Federation Divisional names

Every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation electoral divisions.

Geographical names

Locality or place names should generally be avoided, but in certain areas the use of geographical features may be appropriate (e.g. Perth).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names should be used where appropriate and as far as possible existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander divisional names should be retained.

Other criteria

The names of Commonwealth electoral divisions should not duplicate existing state districts.

Qualifying names may be used where appropriate.

Names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons.

When two or more electoral divisions are partially combined, as far as possible the name of the new electoral division should be that of the old electoral division which had the greatest number of electors within the new boundaries. However, where the socio-demographic nature of the electoral division in question has changed significantly, this should override the numerical formula.

Appendix L: General description of how electoral divisions are constituted

The following tables show how each electoral division has been constructed and are intended to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

The unit to display this construction is Statistical Area Level 2s (SA2s).⁸³ Each SA2 comprises a number of SA1s. The SA1s and SA2s which applied at the 2021 Census of Population and Housing have been used. Some SA2s will appear multiple times in the following tables as they are not contained within the one electoral division but cover multiple electoral divisions.

Electoral divisions are displayed in alphabetical order.

⁸³ SA2s are an area defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, and consist of one or more whole SA1s. Wherever possible, SA2s are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs and combinations of whole suburbs, while in rural areas they define functional zones of social and economic links. Geography is also taken into account in SA2 design.

Division of Brand

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Brand		
Baldivis – North	7,610	9,621
Baldivis – South	16,353	18,529
Calista	5,109	5,366
Casuarina – Wandi	5,661	7,095
Cooloongup	6,092	6,370
Hope Valley – Postans	47	46
Kwinana Industrial	16	16
Parmelia – Orelia	7,962	8,349
Port Kennedy	9,066	9,313
Rockingham	12,211	13,262
Rockingham Lakes	1	0
Safety Bay – Shoalwater	9,147	9,602
Waikiki	8,846	9,351
Warnbro	7,607	8,204
Wellard (West) – Bertram	10,796	12,990
Total electors retained from the former Division of Brand	106,524	118,114
Total for Division of Brand	106,524	118,114
Electors transferred from the former Division of Brand to another	er electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Canning		
Karnup	1,386	1,555
Singleton – Golden Bay – Secret Harbour	14,698	16,290
Total transferred to Division of Canning	16,084	17,845

Total transferred to Division of Canning	16,084	17,845
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Brand		
to another electoral division	16,084	17,845

Division of Bullwinkel

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Divisio	on of Bullwinkel	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Burt		
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	0	0
Kelmscott	4,078	4,182
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	1,244	1,475
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedfordale	2,108	2,221
Roleystone	0	0
Total transferred from the former Division of Burt	7,430	7,878
Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning		
Ashendon – Lesley	1	1
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	985	983
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	540	541
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedfordale	3,801	4,115
Roleystone	5,550	5,658
Total transferred from the former Division of Canning	10,877	11,298
Electors transferred from the former Division of Durack		
Avon Valley National Park	5	6
Northam	7,868	8,152
Toodyay	3,565	3,642
York – Beverley	2,927	2,909
Total transferred from the former Division of Durack	14,365	14,709
Electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck		
Chidlow	2,350	2,259
Gidgegannup	2,296	2,377
Glen Forrest – Darlington	5,470	5,460
Hazelmere – Guildford	773	1,197
Helena Valley – Koongamia	4,489	4,842
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	8,338	8,431
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	7,632	7,692
Malmalling – Reservoir	9	7
Midland – Guildford	886	896
Mundaring	10,094	10,709
Stratton – Jane Brook	5,137	5,198
Swan View – Greenmount – Midvale	8,948	9,659
Total transferred from the former Division of Hasluck	56,422	58,727

Division of Bullwinkel (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from the former Division of O'Connor		
Brookton	0	0
York – Beverley	1,364	1,368
Total transferred from the former Division of O'Connor	1,364	1,368
Electors transferred from the former Division of Swan		
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	13,332	14,770
Hazelmere – Guildford	0	0
High Wycombe	8,699	9,329
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	3,446	3,437
Welshpool	0	0
Total transferred from the former Division of Swan	25,477	27,536
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Bullwinkel	115,935	121,516
Total for Division of Bullwinkel	115,935	121,516

Division of Burt

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Burt		
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	15,597	16,781
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	3,543	3,642
Camillo – Champion Lakes	4,200	4,679
Cannington – Queens Park	0	0
Gosnells	13,984	15,202
Harrisdale	6,399	7,531
Huntingdale – Southern River	13,720	15,633
Kelmscott	3,476	3,478
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	7,869	8,762
Piara Waters – Forrestdale	9,254	11,011
Seville Grove	7,062	7,616
Thornlie	15,587	16,232
Total electors retained from the former Division of Burt	100,691	110,567
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Divisio	n of Rurt	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning	IT OF DUIT	
	429	695
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale		685
Byford	10,238	12,185
Mundijong	2,119	2,068
Total transferred from the former Division of Canning Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Burt	12,786	14,938
Total for Division of Burt	113,477	125,505
		125,505
Electors transferred from the former Division of Burt to another ele	ectoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	0	0
Kelmscott	4,078	4,182
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	1,244	1,475
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedfordale	2,108	2,221
Roleystone	0	0
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	7,430	7,878
Electors transferred to Division of Swan		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	8,731	9,263
Total transferred to Division of Swan	8,731	9,263
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Burt to another electoral division	16,161	17,141

Division of Canning

ivision composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
lectors retained from the former Division of Canning		
Byford	3,197	3,711
Dawesville – Bouvard	6,628	7,533
Falcon – Wannanup	7,890	8,765
Greenfields	7,800	8,207
Halls Head – Erskine	15,567	17,081
Mandurah	7,832	8,477
Mandurah – East	5,393	6,013
Mandurah – North	14,974	17,182
Mandurah – South	8,891	9,713
Mundijong	3,257	3,217
Murray	483	489
Pinjarra	7,648	8,416
Serpentine – Jarrahdale	3,284	3,295
Waroona	3,325	3,393
otal electors retained from the former Division of Canning	96,169	105,492

Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of	Canning	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Brand	0	
Karnup	1,386	1,555
Singleton – Golden Bay – Secret Harbour	14,698	16,290
Total transferred from the former Division of Brand	16,084	17,845
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Canning	16,084	17,845
Total for Division of Canning	112,253	123,337

Electors transferred from the former Division of Canning to another electoral division

Total electors transferred from the former Division of Canning to another electoral division	23,663	26,236
Total transferred to Division of Burt	12,786	14,938
Mundijong	2,119	2,068
Byford	10,238	12,185
Armadale – Wungong – Brookdale	429	685
Electors transferred to Division of Burt		
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	10,877	11,298
Roleystone	5,550	5,658
Mount Nasura – Mount Richon – Bedfordale	3,801	4,115
Maddington – Orange Grove – Martin	540	541
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	985	983
Ashendon – Lesley	1	1
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		

Division of Cowan

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Cowan		
Alexander Heights – Koondoola	8,058	7,972
Balcatta – Hammersley	11,399	11,996
Balga – Mirrabooka	12,706	13,315
Ballajura	13,109	13,380
Dianella – North	9,027	9,675
Girrawheen	5,857	6,723
Greenwood – Warwick	10,156	10,179
Malaga	5	4
Marangaroo	7,359	7,412
Nollamara – Westminster	11,867	12,278
Stirling – Osborne Park	4,485	4,731
Total electors retained from the former Division of Cowan	94,028	97,665
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Divisio	n of Cowan	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce		
Ballajura	39	43
Beechboro	0	0
Landsdale	10,299	11,390
Madeley – Darch	9,498	10,149
Woodvale	0	0
Total transferred from the former Division of Pearce	19,836	21,582
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Cowan	19,836	21,582
Total for Division of Cowan	113,864	119,247
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan to another	electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Hasluck		
Beechboro	6,366	6,757
Lockridge – Kiara	3,671	3,752
Morley	9,806	10,473
Noranda	6,091	6,444
Total transferred to Division of Hasluck	25,934	27,426
Electors transferred to Division of Perth		
Balcatta – Hamersley	122	130
Stirling – Osborne Park	3,989	4,304
Total transferred to Division of Perth	4,111	4,434
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan	·	
to another electoral division	30,045	31,860

Division of Curtin

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Curtin		
City Beach	5,216	5,467
Claremont	6,645	6,829
Cottesloe	5,990	6,469
Floreat	6,204	6,670
Herdsman	0	0
Innaloo – Doubleview	13,243	13,992
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	2,425	2,651
Mosman Park – Peppermint Grove	7,637	8,355
Nedlands – Dalkeith – Crawley	12,504	13,470
Osborne Park Industrial	90	99
Scarborough	12,274	12,906
Subiaco – Shenton Park	12,554	13,559
Swanbourne – Mount Claremont	6,738	7,130
Trigg – North Beach – Watermans Bay	737	765
Wembley – West Leederville – Glendalough	11,613	12,068
Wembley Downs - Churchlands - Woodlands	10,579	11,532
Total electors retained from the former Division of Curtin	114,449	121,962
Total for Division of Curtin	114,449	121,962
Electors transferred from the former Division of Curtin to another	electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Moore		
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	6,212	6,527
Total transferred to Division of Moore	6,212	6,527
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Curtin to another electoral division	6,212	6,527

Division of Durack

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Durack		
Ashburton	2,900	3,293
Broome	7,486	7,693
Bullsbrook	4,102	4,568
Carabooda – Pinjar	0	0
Carnarvon	3,156	3,149
Chittering	4,329	4,535
Cunderdin	0	0
Derby – West Kimberley	3,513	3,416
Dowerin	2,067	2,069
East Pilbara	924	800
Exmouth	2,394	2,634
Geraldton	9,165	9,302
Geraldton – East	6,011	5,639
Geraldton – North	5,999	6,512
Geraldton – South	7,061	7,533
Gingin – Dandaragan	6,384	6,780
Halls Creek	1,776	1,972
Irwin	2,768	2,934
Karratha	10,164	11,178
Kununurra	3,756	3,621
Meekatharra	1,012	1,159
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Moora	3,004	2,798
Morawa	2,427	2,250
Newman	2,319	2,391
Northampton – Mullewa – Greenough	3,778	3,510
Port Hedland	2,283	2,064
Roebourne	2,534	2,603
Roebuck	1,148	1,283
South Hedland	6,452	7,263
Walyunga National Park	1	1
Total electors retained from the former Division of Durack	108,913	112,950

Division of Durack (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	on of Durack	
Electors transferred from the former Division of O'Connor		
Cunderdin	1,911	1,903
Dowerin	613	594
Merredin	2,230	2,183
Mukinbudin	1,282	1,215
Total transferred from the former Division of O'Connor	6,036	5,895
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Durack	6,036	5,895
Total for Division of Durack	114,949	118,845
Electors transferred from the former Division of Durack to another	r electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		
Avon Valley National Park	5	6
Northam	7,868	8,152
Toodyay	3,565	3,642
York – Beverley	2,927	2,909
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	14,365	14,709
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Durack to another electoral division	14,365	14,709

Division of Forrest

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Forrest		
Augusta	5,047	5,312
Australind – Leschenault	13,879	14,750
Busselton – East	7,280	7,646
Busselton – West	14,745	15,172
Busselton Surrounds	8,996	9,647
Capel	3,987	4,144
College Grove – Carey Park	4,823	5,037
Collie	0	0
Dalyellup	6,607	7,089
Dardanup	2,387	2,475
Davenport	16	11
East Bunbury – Glen Iris	5,481	5,954
Eaton – Pelican Point	8,920	9,655
Gelorup – Stratham	2,346	2,353
Harvey	6,924	7,481
Margaret River	7,120	7,802
Pemberton	0	0
South Bunbury – Bunbury	9,531	9,710
Waroona	0	0
Withers – Usher	3,829	4,066
Total electors retained from the former Division of Forrest	111,918	118,304
Total for Division of Forrest	111,918	118,304
Electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest to another	r electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of O'Connor		
Donnybrook – Balingup	4,696	4,837
Total transferred to Division of O'Connor	4,696	4,837

Total electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest
to another electoral division4,6964,837

Division of Fremantle

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Fremantle	9 August 2023	24 March 2020
Banjup	14,128	16,830
Beeliar – Wattleup	7,144	8,355
Bibra Industrial	16	16
Bibra Lake	0	0
Coogee	7,334	7,824
Coolbellup	6,362	6,873
East Fremantle	5,856	6,087
Fremantle	12,875	14,002
Fremantle – South	11,687	12,373
Hamilton Hill	8,453	9,146
Henderson	12	9
Jandakot	1,872	1,980
Murdoch – Kardinya	1,323	1,369
North Coogee	2,949	3,572
O'Connor	7	6
South Lake – Cockburn Central	8,416	8,793
Spearwood	8,497	9,284
Success – Hammond Park	10,918	12,583
Yangebup	5,440	5,679
Total electors retained from the former Division of Fremantle	113,289	124,781
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Divisior	n of Fremantle	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Tangney		
Jandakot	0	0
Leeming	0	0
Total transferred from the former Division of Tangney	0	0
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Fremantle	0	0
Total for Division of Fremantle	113,289	124,781
Electors transferred from the former Division of Fremantle to anoth	er electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Tangney		
Bicton – Palmyra	5,581	5,763
East Fremantle	0	0
Murdoch – Kardinya	1,137	1,203
Total transferred to Division of Tangney	6,718	6,966
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Fremantle to another electoral division	6,718	6,966

Division of Hasluck

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the current Division of Hasluck		
Aveley	9,900	11,536
Ballajura	0	0
Beechboro	7,853	9,661
Belmont – Ascot – Redcliffe	0	0
Brabham – Henley Brook	7,618	10,441
Ellenbrook	12,104	13,629
Gidgegannup	57	67
Hazelmere – Guildford	3,383	3,718
Helena Valley – Koongamia	0	0
Lockridge – Kiara	4,834	5,781
Melaleuca – Lexia	0	0
Middle Swan – Herne Hill	4,277	4,683
Midland – Guildford	6,816	7,312
Stratton – Jane Brook	0	0
Swan View – Greenmount – Midvale	869	919
The Vines	8,722	9,996
Total electors retained from the former Division of Hasluck	66,433	77,743
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	n of Hasluck	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan		
Beechboro	6,366	6,757
Lockridge – Kiara	3,671	3,752
Morley	9,806	10,473
Noranda	6,091	6,444
Total transferred from the former Division of Cowan	25,934	27,426
Electors transferred from the former Division of Perth		
Bassendean – Eden Hill – Ashfield	11,693	12,161
Bayswater – Embleton – Bedford	1,716	1,746
Morley	977	1,028
Total transferred from the former Division of Perth	14,386	14,935
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Hasluck	40,320	42,361
Total for Division of Hasluck	106,753	120,104

Division of Hasluck (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck to anothe	er electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		
Chidlow	2,350	2,259
Gidgegannup	2,296	2,377
Glen Forrest – Darlington	5,470	5,460
Hazelmere – Guildford	773	1,197
Helena Valley – Koongamia	4,489	4,842
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	8,338	8,431
Lesmurdie – Bickley – Carmel	7,632	7,692
Malmalling – Reservoir	9	7
Midland – Guildford	886	896
Mundaring	10,094	10,709
Stratton – Jane Brook	5,137	5,198
Swan View – Greenmount – Midvale	8,948	9,659
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	56,422	58,727
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Hasluck to another electoral division	56,422	58,727

Division of Moore

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Moore		
Craigie – Beldon	7,512	7,452
Currambine – Kinross	4,941	4,920
Duncraig	11,571	11,808
Greenwood – Warwick	0	0
Heathridge – Connolly	7,700	8,059
Hillarys	8,523	8,651
lluka – Burns Beach	4,359	4,627
Joondalup – Edgewater	9,601	10,068
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	7,088	7,736
Kingsley	9,730	9,742
Mullaloo – Kallaroo	8,710	9,549
Ocean Reef	6,041	6,125
Padbury	6,212	6,261
Sorrento – Marmion	7,906	8,163
Trigg – North Beach – Watermans Bay	5,520	5,909
Woodvale	7,332	7,586
Total electors retained from the former Division of Moore	112,746	116,656
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	n of Moore	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Curtin		
Karrinyup – Gwelup – Carine	6,212	6,527
Total transferred from the former Division of Curtin	6,212	6,527
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Moore	6,212	6,527
Total for Division of Moore	118,958	123,183
Electors transferred from the former Division of Moore to another e	electoral division	
Electors transferred to former Division of Pearce		
Currambine – Kinross	4,855	4,951
lluka – Burns Beach	2,908	3,312
Total transferred to Division of Pearce	7,763	8,263
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Moore to another electoral division	7,763	8,263

Division of O'Connor

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of O'Connor		
Albany	11,162	11,413
Albany Surrounds	2,719	2,830
Augusta	0	0
Bayonet Head – Lower King	4,003	4,283
Boulder	4,370	4,234
Bridgetown – Boyup Brook	5,137	5,226
Brookton	2,687	2,699
Collie	6,749	7,089
Cunderdin	751	750
Denmark	4,913	4,939
Esperance	8,418	8,686
Esperance Surrounds	2,315	2,458
Gnowangerup	1,921	1,829
Kalgoorlie	7,643	7,425
Kalgoorlie – North	5,300	5,704
Kalgoorlie Airport	0	0
Kambalda – Coolgardie – Norseman	2,368	2,410
Katanning	2,927	2,865
Kojonup	2,765	2,684
Kulin	2,926	2,755
Leinster – Leonora	1,824	1,902
Little Grove – Elleker	2,734	2,773
Manjimup	3,940	4,051
McKail – Willyung	8,280	8,799
Meekatharra	170	155
Merredin	1,180	1,214
Mukinbudin	670	651
Murray	1,222	1,236
Narrogin	3,089	3,213
Pemberton	3,881	4,049
Plantagenet	3,823	4,018
Stirling Range National Park	0	0
Trafalgar	0	0
Wagin	3,516	3,633
York – Beverley	0	0
Total electors retained from the former Division of O'Connor	113,403	115,973

Division of O'Connor (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	on of O'Connor	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Forrest		
Donnybrook – Balingup	4,696	4,837
Total transferred from the former Division of Forrest	4,696	4,837
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of O'Connor	4,696	4,837
Total for Division of O'Connor	118,099	120,810
Electors transferred from the former Division of O'Connor to anot	her electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		
Brookton	0	0
York – Beverley	1,364	1,368
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	1,364	1,368
Electors transferred to Division of Durack		
Cunderdin	1,911	1,903
Dowerin	613	594
Merredin	2,230	2,183
Mukinbudin	1,282	1,215
Total transferred to Division of Durack	6,036	5,895
Total electors transferred from the former Division of O'Connor to another electoral division	7,400	7,263

Division of Pearce

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Pearce		
Alkimos – Eglinton	9,130	12,113
Butler – Merriwa – Ridgewood	15,152	16,402
Carabooda – Pinjar	537	545
Carramar	12,014	13,525
Chittering	0	0
Clarkson	8,936	9,550
Ellenbrook	0	0
Hocking – Pearsall	9,184	10,207
Joondalup – Edgewater	0	0
Melaleuca – Lexia	2	1
Mindarie – Quinns Rocks – Jindalee	15,069	16,867
Neerabup National Park	6	2
Tapping – Ashby – Sinagra	9,043	9,819
Two Rocks	2,716	3,219
Wanneroo – Sinagra	10,402	11,018
Yanchep	7,206	8,494
Total electors retained from the former Division of Pearce	99,397	111,762
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	of Pearce	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Moore		
Currambine – Kinross	4,855	4,951
lluka – Burns Beach	2,908	3,312
Total transferred from the former Division of Moore	7,763	8,263
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Pearce	7,763	8,263
Total for Division of Pearce	107,160	120,025
Electors transferred from the former Division of Pearce to another e	electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Cowan		
Ballajura	39	43
Papabhara	0	0

19,836	21,582
0	0
9,498	10,149
10,299	11,390
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Division of Perth

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Perth		
Bayswater – Embleton – Bedford	15,683	16,461
Dianella – South	9,499	10,300
East Perth	6,485	7,311
Kings Park	32	26
Maylands	9,305	9,841
Morley	4,854	5,257
Mount Hawthorn – Leederville	8,345	8,905
Mount Lawley – Inglewood	12,411	12,819
North Perth	7,068	7,673
Perth (North) – Highgate	7,467	8,281
Perth (West) – Northbridge	5,954	6,949
Stirling – Osborne Park	1,415	1,529
Tuart Hill – Joondanna	8,542	8,929
Yokine – Coolbinia – Menora	12,008	12,743
Total electors retained from the former Division of Perth	109,068	117,024
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	of Perth	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Cowan		
Balcatta – Hamersley	122	130
Stirling – Osborne Park	3,989	4,304
Total transferred from the former Division of Cowan	4,111	4,434
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Perth	4,111	4,434
Total for Division of Perth	113,179	121,458
Electors transferred from the former Division of Perth to another ele	ctoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Hasluck		
Bassendean – Eden Hill – Ashfield	11,693	12,161
Bayswater – Embleton – Bedford	1,716	1,746
Morley	977	1,028
Total transferred to Division of Hasluck	14,386	14,935
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Perth to another electoral division	14,386	14,935

Division of Swan

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Swan		
Belmont – Ascot – Redcliffe	9,937	10,695
Bentley – Wilson – St James	7,567	8,164
Cannington – Queens Park	10,213	10,947
Cloverdale	5,626	5,796
Como	10,242	10,779
East Victoria Park – Carlisle	11,319	12,176
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	3	2
Hazelmere – Guildford	0	0
Kewdale	4,623	4,920
Kewdale Commercial	1	1
Manning – Waterford	7,916	8,662
Perth Airport	0	0
Rivervale	7,063	7,941
South Perth – Kensington	12,141	12,939
Victoria Park – Lathlain – Burswood	10,275	11,656
Welshpool	14	13
Total electors retained from the former Division of Swan	96,940	104,691
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	n of Swan	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Burt		
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	8,731	9,263
Total transferred from the former Division of Burt	8,731	9,263
Electors transferred from the former Division of Tangney		
Bentley – Wilson – St James	3,913	4,177
Parkwood – Ferndale – Lynwood	5,215	5,259
Total transferred from the former Division of Tangney	9,128	9,436
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Swan	17,859	18,699
Total for Division of Swan	114,799	123,390
Total for Division of Swan	114,799	123

Division of Swan (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred from the former Division of Swan to another e	electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Bullwinkel		
Forrestfield – Wattle Grove	13,332	14,770
Hazelmere – Guildford	0	0
High Wycombe	8,699	9,329
Kalamunda – Maida Vale – Gooseberry Hill	3,446	3,437
Welshpool	0	0
Total transferred to Division of Bullwinkel	25,477	27,536
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Swan to another electoral division	25,477	27,536

Division of Tangney

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors retained from the former Division of Tangney		
Applecross – Ardross	8,529	9,037
Bateman	2,575	2,562
Beckenham – Kenwick – Langford	0	0
Bicton – Palmyra	5,479	5,708
Booragoon	10,744	11,535
Bull Creek	5,333	5,471
Canning Vale – East	13,799	14,611
Canning Vale – West	6,613	6,623
Canning Vale Commercial	2	2
Jandakot	0	0
Leeming	7,933	7,770
Melville	12,810	13,533
Murdoch – Kardinya	6,423	6,405
Parkwood – Ferndale – Lynwood	4,151	4,121
Riverton – Shelley – Rossmoyne	9,511	9,892
Thornlie	0	0
Willagee	3,811	4,238
Willetton	11,811	12,277
Winthrop	4,278	4,513
Total electors retained from the former Division of Tangney	113,802	118,298
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division	of Tangney	
Electors transferred from the former Division of Fremantle		
Bicton – Palmyra	5,581	5,763
East Fremantle	0	0
Murdoch – Kardinya	1,137	1,203
Total transferred from the former Division of Fremantle	6,718	6,966
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Tangney	6,718	6,966
Total for Division of Tangney	120,520	125,264
Electors transferred from the former Division of Tangney to another	electoral division	
Electors transferred to Division of Fremantle		
Jandakot	0	0
Leeming	0	0
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Division of Tangney (continued)

Division composition	Enrolment as at Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment as at Friday 24 March 2028
Electors transferred to Division of Swan		
Bentley – Wilson – St James	3,913	4,177
Parkwood – Ferndale – Lynwood	5,215	5,259
Total transferred to Division of Swan	9,128	9,436
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Tangney to another electoral division	9,128	9,436