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Dear Sir/Madam

WA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES PROPOSALS – SOUTH WEST GROUP SUBMISSION

The South West Group has an interest in the review of WA Electoral Boundaries in the lead up to the State election on 11 March 2017. This submission is in response to the WA Electoral Boundaries released for public comment by the Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners on 24 July 2015.

The South West Group supports the proposed boundary adjustments and the establishment of the new electoral district of Baldivis to achieve required tolerances across the region. The proposals also reflect the ongoing urban development in growth areas within the South Metropolitan Region that will continue to attract electors at a much higher rate into the future.

The proposed naming of electoral divisions should include greater diversity. Consideration should be given to the use of prominent persons from indigenous and ethnic backgrounds as well as gender equality for prominent persons that have help to shaped localities.

If have any queries or require further information regarding this submission, please contact the Director South West Group (Mick McCarthy) on (08) 9364 0631, mob 0478 325 469 or email <u>director@southwestgroup.com.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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