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MEDIA STATEMENT

ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW BEGINS WEDNESDAY

The biggest electoral boundary review in Western Australian history will be launched this week when the process to redraw the State's electoral boundaries begins on Wednesday.

The changes, resulting from the introduction of one vote, one value principles, are likely to be significant, with hundreds of thousands of electors likely to find themselves in new districts at the next State election.

Warwick Gately, spokesman for the Electoral Distribution Commissioners, said people will have their first opportunity to have their say when an invitation to lodge written suggestions about boundary proposals is issued on Wednesday.

“Following this call for written suggestions on 4 April, members of the public have until 4 May to lodge written suggestions.

“Written suggestions will then be available for public comment for a two-week period, closing on 18 May, before the Commissioners publish their proposals at the end of June”, he said.

The distribution will lead to four new Members of Parliament, with the Legislative Assembly increasing by two to 59 members and the Legislative Council also increasing by two to 36 members.

The distribution will be conducted by three Electoral Distribution Commissioners, who are:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Chairman)
Electoral Commissioner
Government Statistician

The Hon. Wayne Martin
Mr Warwick Gately AM
Mr Michael Tindall

For more information on the boundary review process visit www.boundarieswa.com or call the Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners on 9214 0450.

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