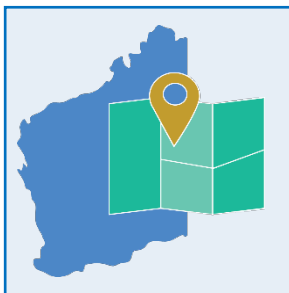




# Electoral boundaries in Western Australia



**Western Australia is divided into 59 Legislative Assembly (lower house) districts and a whole of state electorate for the Legislative Council**

**At a State election, one member is elected for each Legislative Assembly district and 37 members are elected for the Legislative Council.**

## Reviewing the electoral boundaries

Before each State election, the boundaries of electoral districts are reviewed to make sure they have a similar number of voters in each district.

Other factors are considered such as:

- community interest
- land use patterns
- means of communication
- means of travel and distance from Perth
- physical features
- existing boundaries of regions and districts
- existing local government boundaries
- demographic changes.

The State's electoral boundaries are reviewed as soon as practicable two years after each State election.

## The review process

The review is conducted by three Electoral Distribution Commissioners. These commissioners currently are:

- a former Supreme Court judge (chair)
- the WA Electoral Commissioner
- the Government Statistician.

These people and the staff that support them form the temporary 'Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners'.

The review process must be completed within seven to eight months. The timeline for key stages is set out in Part IIA of the Electoral Act 1907. Once the final boundaries have been published, the review is complete. The new boundaries will come into effect at the following State election.

## Have your say

A review of the State's electoral boundaries is a consultative process. During the review, the Commissioners will ask the community to share their views by making a submission.

There are three stages in the review where the Electoral Distribution Commissioners will call for suggestions or comments from the public.

For more information on Western Australia's electoral boundaries or to get involved in the next review, visit [boundaries.wa.gov.au](http://boundaries.wa.gov.au)