



Town of Cottesloe

COUNCIL MEETING

15 December 2014

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Ms Jo Dawkins
Mayor
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911

Dear Ms Dawkins

NOTIFICATION OF AMALGAMATION RECOMMENDATION

Please be advised that the Local Government Advisory Board's Metropolitan Local Government District Inquiries Report recommended that the Town of Claremont, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, City of Nedlands (part) and the Shire of Peppermint Grove be abolished and amalgamated to form a new local government, to be called the City of Riversea.

The Minister for Local Government rejected the Board's recommendation and as such the amalgamation will not proceed.

The Board's MLGDI Report and Addendum, which contains its recommendations, can be viewed at <http://metroreform.dlgc.wa.gov.au>.

Yours sincerely

Mel Congerton
CHAIR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD

4 November 2014

Cc. Mr Carl Askew, CEO, Town of Cottesloe



Hon Tony Simpson MLA
Minister for Local
Government

29/10/14

MEDIA STATEMENT

Funding package for reforming local governments

- Up to \$15m in grants, with \$5m each financial year from 2014-15
- Plus up to \$45m in loans, with a 2% subsidy on the interest rate
- Funds available sooner and repayable over longer term

The State Government has formally invited affected local governments to apply for a funding package for local government reform.

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson said the \$60 million package of loans and grants would be shared by local governments based on a Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) formula which takes account of the complexity of the merger and the need for funds.

“After feedback from the sector, loans will now be available sooner and will be repayable over a longer term,” Mr Simpson said.

Funding may be used for:

- business system upgrades, data migration, data cleansing
- external communications, marketing and internal communications
- project planning and project management
- procurement, financial restructuring and service redesign
- organisational restructure and change management
- due diligence, legal advice and compliance
- asset management, capital expenditure and regulatory change.

The Minister said the State Government engaged the WATC to provide an objective funding formula taking into account changes in the number of rateable properties, fulltime employees and population from the existing local government to the new one.

Funding will take into account a local government's financial sustainability, which was assessed by the WATC as part of the Local Government Advisory Board's inquiries this year. The quality of local government plans for transition will also influence the funding amount.

Funds cannot be used for existing staff costs, redundancies, wage parity, recurrent operating expenditure, travel, hospitality or use of local government resources.

Fact File

- To qualify, local governments must submit a three-year project delivery plan estimating the reform tasks, costs and timeframes
- For more information, visit <http://metroreform.dlg.wa.gov.au>
- CEOs, Mayors and Shire Presidents were briefed on the funding arrangements today

Media contact: [Deanie Carbon](#) - 6552 6600 or 0429 219 648

Landmark report sets out new look for metro Perth

Wednesday, 22 October 2014



Hon Colin Barnett
MEc MLA



Hon Tony Simpson
MLA

Media Statement
Attachments

- Release of the Local Government Advisory Board report on metropolitan local government reform
- Board recommends Perth's 30 councils be reduced to 16
- Minister accepts all but two of the report's boundary recommendations in the biggest shake-up of local government in 100 years
- Government to introduce City of Perth Act to reflect capital's status
- New local governments will have increased financial sustainability and capacity to cope with Perth's population growth

The State Government today released the Local Government Advisory Board report, which provides the framework for the most significant reform of metropolitan local government in 100 years.

Of the report's boundary recommendations for metropolitan Perth, Local Government Minister Tony Simpson has accepted all but two, those for the City of Perth/City of Vincent and the proposed City of Riversea, which includes five western suburbs councils.

The Minister has rejected the Board's recommendation for the City of Perth, on the basis that key icons such as The University of Western Australia (UWA) and the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (QEII), were not included. As a result of the flow-on effects from City of Perth changes, he has also rejected the recommendation for the proposed City of Riversea, which includes five western suburbs councils.

Premier Colin Barnett said the State Government would introduce a City of Perth Act to set the city's new boundaries and ensure Perth has the status it deserves as Australia's west coast capital and an increasingly important city in the Asia region.

"The City of Perth must be better-equipped to respond to the demands of a growing State - and better represent WA in the international market. So, as well as including the City of Vincent in the City of Perth boundaries, which the Board recommended, the City of Perth Act will also include UWA, Kings Park and QEII," Mr Barnett said.

"Except for the City of Perth and City of Riversea, the State Government endorses the Board's recommended boundaries. This report provides a clear direction for the most significant step forward for local government reform in 100 years and people in the

metropolitan area can clearly see how this process will affect them and the local government authority in which they will live.”

Mr Simpson said while he was rejecting the recommendation for a new City of Riversea - which included Nedlands, Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove - it was clear reform in the western suburbs was still needed.

“The State Government is in very strong support of the Board’s recommendation for an amalgamation of those five western suburbs councils, particularly given the report clearly demonstrates the benefits of fewer western suburbs councils,” he said.

The Board recommended that the Burswood Peninsula, which includes the new Stadium precinct and Crown Resort site, should be part of the new council of South Park, using the river as a natural boundary. While the new council of South Park will collect rates from Crown Resort, the State will continue to hold planning and development authority.

Mr Simpson said the report confirmed that many metropolitan councils would be more financially sustainable in their new format and said it heralded a new era for local government, with councils able to combine resources, reduce duplication and streamline processes.

“Ultimately, once the new councils are in place, there will be a reduction of more than 100 elected members and 10 Chief Executive Officers, producing estimated savings of more than \$20 million for elected member allowances and at least \$30 million in CEO packages over 10 years,” he said.

The Minister thanked the Board for its work, and said these inquiries represented the most significant and complex task it had ever undertaken.

The report recommends the following local governments be joined by boundary adjustments:

- City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring to form City of Swan
- City of Bayswater and Town of Bassendean to form City of Bayswater
- City of Belmont and Shire of Kalamunda to form City of Belmont
- City of Subiaco and Town of Cambridge to form City of Subiaco
- City of Armadale and the north of Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale to form City of Armadale
- Shire of Murray and the south of Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale to form Shire of Murray
- City of Canning and City of Gosnells to form City of Gosnells
- A modified City of Stirling
- A modified City of Melville

The report recommends six local governments be amalgamated into three.

- City of South Perth and Town of Victoria Park to form City of South Park
- City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle to form City of Fremantle
- City of Kwinana and City of Cockburn to form City of Jervoise Bay

The cities of Joondalup, Rockingham and Wanneroo are not affected by the local government boundary changes.

Fact File

- More information at <http://metroreform.dlg.wa.gov.au>
- The report provides interim names for councils, numbers of wards and councillors, and a forecast on the financial sustainability for each new council
- The Board has suggested interim names for the new local governments until the newly elected councils vote on a new name, in partnership with the community
- Local government staff have guaranteed jobs for two years

Local Government Minister's office - 6552 6600

Premier's office - 6552 5000



Notice

RIGHT TO REQUEST A POLL

Local Government Act 1995

Metropolitan Local Government District Inquiries

Background

The Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) has recently inquired into a number of proposals relating to changes to local government districts in the metropolitan area.

The Board, upon the completion of those inquiries, has made certain recommendations to the Minister for Local Government (the Minister), including (in 3 cases) that orders be made under the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) to amalgamate districts.

The Act requires the Board, in such cases, to give notice pursuant to clause 8 (1) of Schedule 2.1 to the Act, which notifies the affected electors of the right to request a poll about the recommendation pursuant to clause 8 (3) of Schedule 2.1 to the Act.

You will be an affected elector, for that purpose, if your eligibility to be enrolled to vote at elections for a local government district or ward comes from residence, or ownership or occupation of property, in a district which is to be amalgamated (i.e. will be abolished).

If, within one month of a notice, the Minister receives a request made in accordance with the relevant regulations, and signed by 250, or not less than 10% of the electors of one of the districts which is to be amalgamated, that the recommendation be put to a poll of electors of that district, then the Minister will require a poll to be held accordingly.

If such a poll is held, and at least 50% of the electors of the district vote in the poll, and of those who vote, a majority vote against the recommendation for amalgamation, then the Minister is required by the Act to reject it (i.e. it cannot be implemented).

Notice

Therefore, the Board gives this notice, pursuant to clause 8 (1) of Schedule 2.1 to the Act, that it has recommended to the Minister that orders be made under the Act which would:

1. *Abolish the districts of the City of Cockburn and the City of Kwinana and amalgamate them into a new local government district.*
2. *Abolish the districts of the City of Fremantle and the Town of East Fremantle and amalgamate them into a new local government district.*
3. *Abolish the districts of the City of South Perth and the Town of Victoria Park and amalgamate them into a new local government district.*

Making a Request

The affected electors of any of the above local government districts, which have been recommended for abolition, can lodge a request to the Minister for a poll by submitting a Form 2 (*Request for a Poll on a Recommended Amalgamation*) to the Minister.

The Form 2 can be downloaded from the Department of Local Government and Communities website using the following link www.dlga.wa.gov.au/metroinquiries-poll

If you do not have access to the website, a Form 2 can be obtained by contacting the Department of Local Government and Communities on (08) 6551 8700 or Freecall 1800 620 511 for country callers.

Note: The request **must** be signed by at least 250 electors collectively per petition, or at least 10% of the electors, whichever is the lesser, of the district in relation to which the poll is being requested.

The request is to be forwarded to the:
Minister for Local Government

Level 8, Dumas House

2 Havelock Street

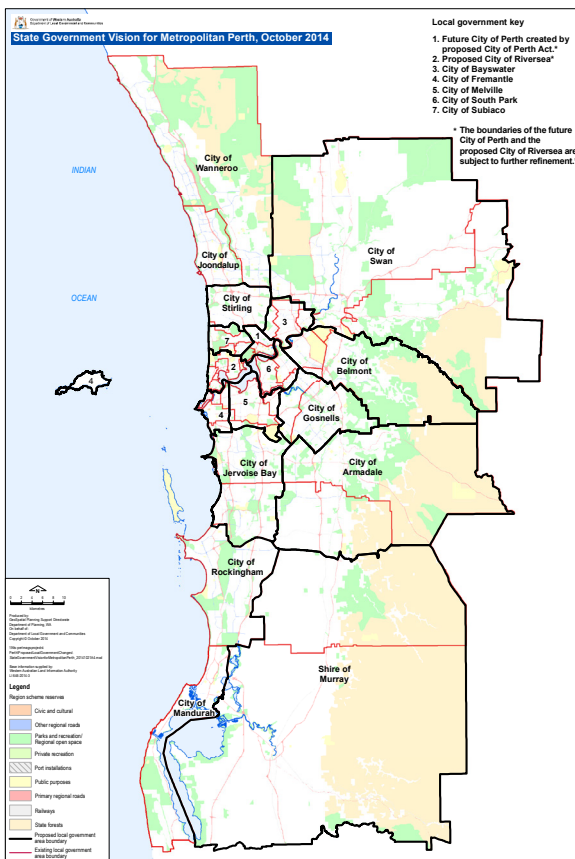
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Email: minister.simpson@dpc.wa.gov.au

The Minister must receive the request by 4pm on 5 December 2014.



Proposed City of Riversea



Metropolitan Perth - see enlarged map attached

The State Government's intention to introduce a City of Perth Act also has implications for the western suburbs adjoining Perth.

The changes would see a significant part of the eastern boundary of these suburbs, currently in the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco, become part of the City of Perth.

Recognising the flow-on effect, the Minister is not going ahead with the Local Government Advisory Board's proposal to form the City of Riversea at this stage.

However, the Government strongly supports the Board's recommendation to combine the western suburb local governments to form the City of Riversea.

Key Points

- Focus on secondary activity centre of Claremont
- Financially strong local government
- Strong community of interest links and similar demographics
- Economies of scale could be realised through consolidation of administration costs and elimination of duplication in systems and reports
- Potential savings of more than \$6 million in elected members allowances over 10 years
- A more integrated approach to transport, development and planning issues for the Swan River, Stirling Highway and the coast

Changes in the making

Western Australia's metropolitan local governments are undergoing the biggest changes to their structure in more than 100 years.

Our population is growing rapidly and there is greater pressure on local governments for the vital community services they provide. These range from increasing need for traditional services such as operating community centres, maintaining local roads and collecting rubbish to modern demands for the provision of more technical and complex services and infrastructure.

The changes are aimed at building a stronger, more effective and financially secure local government sector that will be able to meet these needs.

Communities to benefit

Communities right across Perth will benefit from having stronger and more efficient local governments that can keep pace with the rate of change.

Benefits of the changes will include:

- A more equitable spread of resources and delivery of services to residents right across Perth and suburbs
- Stronger local governments with improved strategic governance and more organisational capacity
- Reduced duplication and more effective use of existing infrastructure and assets
- Streamlined regulation, greater transparency, more accountability and consistency between local governments and their communities.

Shaping the future

The need for change is backed by extensive research and evidence documented over many years, including major reviews conducted by independent authorities and the local government sector itself.

In 2011 the State Government established the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel, chaired by Professor Alan Robson, to undertake a wide ranging review of Perth's 30 metropolitan local governments.

The panel completed its report in July 2012 and recommended the reduction of metropolitan local governments from 30 to 12.

Following extensive public consultation on the report, the Minister for Local Government submitted 12 proposals for boundary changes to the Local Government Advisory Board. The Board also received 25 proposals from local governments and one proposal from a community group.

During its detailed inquiries into the proposals, the Board took into account feedback from diverse stakeholders, including the community, local government sector and business and industry groups. This included almost 33,000 submissions received during four public submission periods.

The Board also met with local governments and other stakeholders throughout the process before developing its report and making its recommendations to the Minister for Local Government.

In October 2014, the Premier and Minister announced changes to Perth's metropolitan local governments.

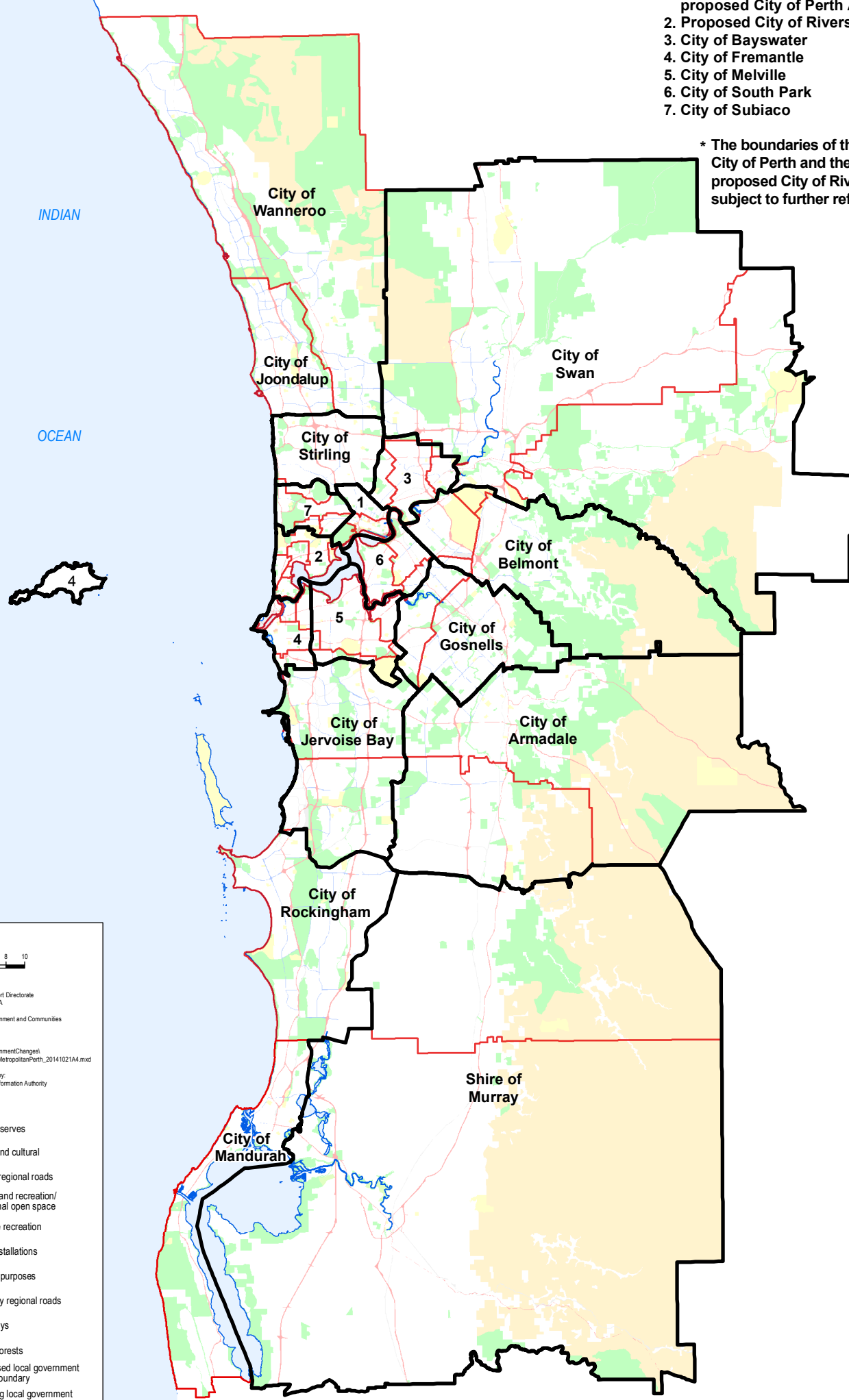
Metropolitan Reform Shaping the future of Perth

State Government Vision for Metropolitan Perth, October 2014

Local government key

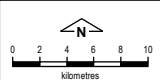
1. Future City of Perth created by proposed City of Perth Act.*
2. Proposed City of Riversea*
3. City of Bayswater
4. City of Fremantle
5. City of Melville
6. City of South Park
7. City of Subiaco

* The boundaries of the future City of Perth and the proposed City of Riversea are subject to further refinement.*



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