

## How can we change our local government boundaries??

### *Information for community members on the process for changing local government boundaries.*

#### *Who can make a proposal?*

The Local Government Advisory Board is the body established by the *Local Government Act 1995* to assess changes to local government boundaries. The Board can accept proposals for change from the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, local governments, and from electors.

#### *What do you need to do?*

To lodge a proposal with the Board, electors need to:

Complete Form 1 (attached), the required format for a petition from electors. To be valid it requires the names, addresses and signatures of at least 250 or 10% of the total number of affected electors.

Include a map showing existing and proposed boundary changes.

Outline reasons for the change

**This may include:**

- community of interest
- physical and topographical features
- demographic trends
- economic factors
- the history of the area
- transport and communication
- matters affecting the viability of local governments
- the effective delivery of local government services.

Send Form 1, the map and the reasons for change to:

**Local Government Advisory Board  
GPO Box R1250  
PERTH WA 6844**

#### *Need advice?*

If you would like to contact the Board to discuss any aspect of your proposal you can telephone Ross Earnshaw 9217 1510 (1800 620 511 for country callers).

#### *What happens next?*

When the Board receives a proposal, the level and timing of the assessment will be determined in relation to the current and expected priorities. The assessment may take several months to complete. For example, if a public consultation process is required, a period of six weeks is allowed for the community and local governments to make submissions to the Board.

When the assessment is concluded, the Board submits a report and recommendation to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development who makes the final decision. If the Minister approves the change, then it will take at least two months from this time for the change to be implemented.