

CITY OF VINCENT

Plebiscite Date: Saturday 19 October 2013

How to vote

Place a tick with your preferred option.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

Question 1

If the City of Vincent is to be abolished, what is your preferred option?

All of the City of Vincent merges with the City of Perth

City of Vincent is divided between the City of Perth and the City of Stirling

Question 2

Do you agree the City of Vincent should be abolished?

YES NO

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PLEBISCITE ON THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF VINCENT

BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSAL

On 30 July 2013, the State Government of Western Australia announced its intention to reduce the number of local governments in the Perth Metropolitan area from 30 to 14.

The State Government plan requires the amalgamation of a number of local governments. The City of Vincent is to be abolished and split between the City of Perth and the City of Stirling, as per map overleaf.

The State Government's announcement followed the commissioning of the Independent Metropolitan Local Government Review (the Robson Review). The final report of the Robson Review recommended that Vincent be merged into the City of Perth.

The State Government plans will be submitted to the Local Government Advisory Board. A final decision from the Minister for Local Government and Communities is expected mid-2014.

The City of Vincent has resolved to oppose the split of the City and to ask the State Government to incorporate all of Vincent into Perth.

This plebiscite is your opportunity to comment directly on the various options.

QUESTION 1: If the City of Vincent is to be abolished, what is your preferred option

Case for merging all of the City of Vincent with the City of Perth

- Vincent has an inner city identity, built around urban villages. These villages require a very different focus from suburbs based around 'big box' shopping centres. Vincent also has strong historic ties to the City of Perth, being one city for around 90 years.
- The current plan divides "communities of interest" – for example splitting Leederville residents from their town centre and dividing Beaufort Street between three councils.
- It is consistent with the report of the Government's Robson Review, which recommended a full merger of the whole of the City of Vincent with the City of Perth.
- A full merger will be simpler and less expensive than splitting the assets and resources of the City.

Case for City of Vincent being divided between the City of Perth and the City of Stirling

- The City of Perth may focus on the Central Business District to the detriment of the northern suburbs of Vincent, if Vincent is fully merged with Perth.
- Including the northern portion of Vincent into Stirling will compensate the City of Stirling for the loss of population and rates following the Government's other proposed changes to the boundaries of the City of Stirling.
- The southern suburbs of Vincent have a closer affinity or 'fit' with the City of Perth than the northern suburbs.

QUESTION 2: Do you agree that the City of Vincent should be abolished?

Case for Yes

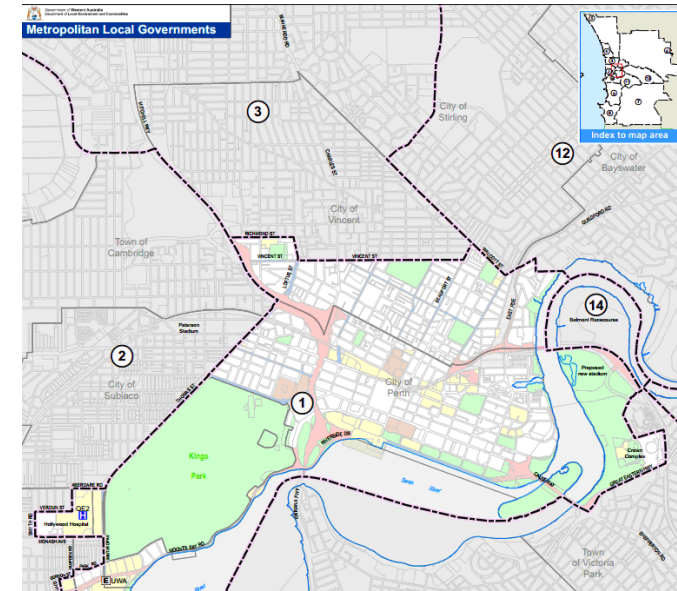
- The City of Vincent should never have been split from the City of Perth in 1994.
- Merging the City will allow for more specialist skills in a larger City administration.
- Larger Councils have the capacity for more strategic vision and to carry out large infrastructure projects.

Case for No

- Vincent has developed a unique character and "community of interest" that should not be destroyed.
- Vincent is economically sustainable with a strong balance sheet and modest rates.
- A smaller Council provides a more responsive and personalised service.

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