



# Media release

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## Subiaco forced to merge into G7

The state government has announced that the City of Subiaco will be merged into one western suburbs council.

This merged council will also include Cambridge, Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park, Nedlands and Peppermint Grove, as well as the residential part of North Fremantle, the suburb of Wembley Downs and part of the suburb of Churchlands.

Mayor Heather Henderson said the city did not support the model of one local government in the western suburbs and is disappointed in the decision.

"The city's preferred option has always been to maintain a small local government," said Mayor Henderson.

"We will continue to fight to ensure the best outcome for the Subiaco community; however, it has been made clear by the state government that there is not much we can do to change the decision.

"Any action the city looks into must take in to account that the existing poll provisions of the Dadour Amendment, which would have allowed the community to veto an amalgamation proposal, have been abolished in the metropolitan area.

"This decision by the state government has disempowered the local community and eroded the right of self determination.

"There is still a long process to be undertaken and we will continue to inform our community as information comes to hand.

The City of Perth has expanded its boundaries to include a residential section around UWA.

"The city understands residents and ratepayers in the area around UWA are concerned about their needs being met by the City of Perth, and the possible development implications this may bring.

For up-to-date information on the reform process and how it will affect the city, visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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