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Dear Sir

SUBMISSION FOR GOOMALLING TO REMAIN IN CENTRAL WHEATBELT ELECTORATE

I am writing in regards to your recent proposal to abolish one of the regional electorates (Eyre) and create an additional metropolitan electorate.

Whilst I am aware that majority of Western Australia's population resides in the metropolitan area the Western Australian economy depends on the regional areas for mining and agriculture to produce most of the state's revenue.

The act of removing one of the electorates shows the people of regional WA that once again we aren't valued members of the community; the State government doesn't invest enough in regional services to encourage people to live in the regions, instead removes the services and forces people to relocate to the metro area. Regional Local Governments are consequently spending additional resources and ratepayer's money to keep services such as doctors in the community.

Goomalling identifies itself with the Wheatbelt region primarily grain producers with wheat and canola being the most valued commodities, it is important that we remain within the Wheatbelt electorate where Councils have similar goals and community structures making the state members overall objectives simpler.

Fundamental human emotions dictate our actions, people want to be accepted and appreciated; accessibility and presence of government dignitaries is important for communities to feel valued and secure, increasing the size of country electorates would make them unmanageable and a lot of smaller towns would be left unsupported.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards



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