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To whom it may concern.

I object to combining two rural seats in order to provide for an extra seat in the metro area. I realise that there are constraints on numbers but also understand that it is possible to accommodate the numbers without losing a rural seat. One vote one value sounds good, but the reality is different. I live in Wyndham and as the local member lives in Broome it means that a Wyndham person has little or no chance of seeing their representative. It is a road trip of 1100 kms one way. My vote has virtually no value when considering fairness or genuine representation, compared with a metro person who can easily meet with their local member. I realise that Kimberley is not being touched, but if it can have allowances to accommodate smaller population numbers, then why can't Moore or North West Central be similarly considered. Anyone living in a rural area has a similar constraint on the value of their vote to that of Wyndham residents. As it would be realistic to expect the metro area to grow in population, are you going to gradually reduce the non metro electorates over time till we have only four or five for the whole state? The method of calculating numbers should be altered to allow for non metro areas to be properly represented and the voter to have some value for their vote.

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