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From: Tori Castledine [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern

Please consider this email my submission opposing the proposed new electoral boundaries for the Legislative Assembly.

Regional WA is already being severely hamstrung by government policy, and maintaining a strong voice in Parliament is key to us being able to confront and address the numerous challenges we are facing. To replace another regional electorate with a metropolitan one will further reduce regional WA's representation in Parliament, which is highly concerning and very disheartening.

The suggested redistribution fails to consider the essential need to preserve shared community interests. Regional MLA's are already required to cover large areas, while representing diverse communities and evenly distributing their funding allocations. Accessing your local MP in a regional electorate is nowhere near as easy, or practical, as a metropolitan electorate. Consequently, the proposed merger of regional seats poses a significant risk to voter exclusion.

Increasing metropolitan LA electorates raises serious concerns about centralise power in metropolitan areas, creating an imbalance in representation where regional interests are overshadowed by metropolitan issues. The changes to the Legislative Council has seen 18 crucial regional representatives demolished, and when coupled with the 12 regional lower house seats that have been removed since 1987, creates a significant inequality in representation for regional Western Australians.

Creating the new Mid-West electorate through the abolition of both Moore and North West Central is in direct opposition to the principle of maintaining communities of interest. The proposed electorate covers such a significant land area, and a number of diverse communities, it is a struggle to see how any MP would be able to adequately, and fairly, serve their electorate, and for constituents to hold their local member to account.

The proposed changes to electoral boundaries divide a number of Shire's between electorates - for example, the Shire of Northampton between the Mid-West and Geraldton electorates. This creates significant logistical challenges for the local Shire's to engage with two separate MLA's, while also creating disunity between regional communities, as their neighbours sit within a different electorate.

In addition, the data released by the Commission makes it clear there is no justification for creating a new electorate within the metropolitan area, as it is already well within acceptable limits of representation.

I urge you to reconsider your proposed boundary changes, and maintain the 16 regional seats, in order to secure what is left of regional WA's voice in Parliament.

Kind regards

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