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Dear Commissioner,

I wish to respond to electoral boundary suggestions published on your website. This is yet another assault on rural WA, the food bowl of the nation along with areas where the State earns significant income from royalties. How do you expect any normal person who will no doubt live in the urban communities of the electorate, truly represent their constituents let alone be a truly honest representative of the area.?

Despite consistently suffering worse outcomes than their city cousins, regional West Australians will lose 18 dedicated regional representatives after the next election due to changes to a whole-of-state electorate in the Legislative Council.

It is of utmost importance that this loss of representation in the upper house is not compounded by reduced legislative assembly representation.

Having read the published suggestions, I support the resounding collective sentiment from many submissions that sixteen regional seats must be maintained.

The Labor Party's suggestion to abolish the North West Central electorate in favour of new metropolitan seats may benefit their political fortunes but it would be a devastating blow for regional communities that clearly need more representation now; not less.

Please consider how this redistribution will ensure democratic equity and The fate of regional West Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely,

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