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Dear Commissioner,

I am responding to the electoral boundary proposal as published on your website.

As a long time regional resident of WA I am acutely aware of the disadvantages of living outside of the suburban boundaries of Perth and the consistent disadvantages and second class outcomes in comparison to those who have the ability to be city centric.

Your proposal is, in my view, just another unjustified assault on rural people. From my take, it seems that country based 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.

The proposed loss of representation in the upper house should not be compounded by reduced legislative assembly representation.

On reviewing your proposal, I cannot see how any person who understands rural living could in any way support this proposal. I want you to know that I now firmly support the growing collective sentiment from other submissions to your good self that sixteen regional seats must be maintained.

From my perspective the Labor Party's suggestion to abolish the North West Central electorate in favour of new metropolitan seats is just a power grab, plain and simple, and will no doubt benefit their political wants but in reality would prove to be a devastating blow for regional communities that clearly need more representation; not less.

I am asking that you reconsider this redistribution to ensure democratic equity.

The fate of 'true' rural representation is in your hands!

Sincerely,

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