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Dear Redistribution Commissioners,

With regard to the WA Electoral Distribution Commissioners releasing their proposed Electoral Boundaries, which would see the regional seats of Moore and North West Central abolished and amalgamated into the seat of Mid West, making way for an additional metro seat, Oakford.

My understanding is that the new seat of Mid-West would stretch from Muchea to Meekatharra, spanning more than 430,000km² – a six-fold increase in the area of the current seat of Moore. That is an area twice the size of Victoria and half the size of New South Wales, making it very difficult for electors to access their Member of Parliament.

Aside from the enormous geographical area, this area covers an incredibly diverse range of land uses – from rural peri-urban blocks, to horticulture, intensive animal production, broadacre mixed farming, mining, coastal communities involved in fishing, tourism, manufacturing industry and pastoral leases. All of these industries and communities have vastly differing needs making it very difficult to give this area the fair representation it deserves.

The loss of a regional electorate represents a massive reduction of fair representation for regional voters and follows WA Labor's submission to the Electoral Commission, which outlined their plan to abolish another regional voice. Health, aged care, education, childcare, housing, communications and power supplies all need greater investment in the regions.

As a business owner, rate payer and resident in the region of Moore I strongly object to the electoral boundaries you have proposed for the Legislative Assembly.

Kind Regards,
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