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I wish to respond to electoral boundary suggestions published on your website.

Letter of objection to the proposed electoral boundaries.

Dear Redistribution Commissioners

As a farmer near the city and a homeowner in a central coast fishing town in WA, I OBJECT to the new WA State electoral boundaries you have proposed for the Legislative Assembly.

This proposal seems to work against any chance of rural workers/businesses/residents and families having any chance of a balancing up of government resources, planning and policy through parliamentary representation. Given the modern style of living leaning more to increased city dwelling density there will be ever increasing numbers in city electorates as time moves on. Using the existing system to balance electoral numbers appears to have an end target of us all living in the city and relying on conglomerate companies or foreign trade to furnish us with our needs. Surely any chance of climate change remedy lies in rural primary production and regional processing to reduce emissions and correct the planet balance. If we are to do our bit for this remedy, we need strong rural representation at a parliamentary level to oversee this balance. Removing rural electorates and increasing city ones will be detrimental to all rural residents and their chance of betterment through a local representative to parliament.

Many other countries with large city dwelling populations, rely on food and resources trade from elsewhere. The food must be grown somewhere to provide the basic resources to support huge urban populations, so let our nation be one of them by stopping the rural shrink! Western Australia is too isolated by location, to depend on other countries for basic production. We need a balanced state government representation to parliament, or we risk rural communities continuing to shrink and becoming deprived and dysfunctional.

Abolition of the Moore and Northwest Central Electorates to combine them into one new electorate will reverse much of the community building processes developed over the last few decades. Rural production and processing have been working toward effective and efficient system to support all rural enterprises through communication with government through their Elected members. If rural elected members numbers are further reduced, the fight for rural community survival will be ever harder. With the proposed new electorate, the Member of the Legislative Assembly for that electorate will be expected to cover over 1000km from one end to the other. This would be a near impossible task. Let us at least keep

the existing electoral boundaries to give a better chance to be represented strongly and fairly in parliament. It is not humanly possible for any member of the Legislative Assembly to be able to represent such a huge and diverse electorate as the one you are proposing. I can only assume the intention of the commission is to undermine a strong rural representation to parliament.

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,
Kareen Love



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