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Please find following the Shire of Perenjori's objection to the proposed boundaries changes specifically to the districts of Moore and Northwest Central

The electoral district of Northwest Central is already a substantial area, and the proposed addition of the electorate of Moore and other sections makes an electoral district that has a very diverse population, varied community of community interest and vastly differing and emerging economic drivers, which should not all be simply classified as primary production.

There is already a substantial expectation of regionally elected representatives to manage an extensive portfolio of local issues across their large electorates and any reductions in representation will have a materially adverse impact on already marginalised areas.

Increasing the size of any electoral boundary in the North of the state will further disempower residents in those areas. Local representation for rural, regional and remote residents are critical to ensure that the unique circumstances associated with living in a remote location are adequately understood and represented in decision making.

This will assist in these communities ongoing endeavours to attract and maintain population which in turn contributes to the significant per capita contribution of the State's wealth that is generated from regional areas. The simplistic methodology for assigning boundaries within an average deviation has the potential to disincentivise regional living, ultimately driving population away from the area.

Regards

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We acknowledge the Badimia people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we live and work. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

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