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Dear Commissioner,

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

Despite consistently suffering worse outcomes than the Perth metropolitan areas, 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. Our regions matter and my Moore area would be replaced by the new seat of Mid West which would encompass an enormous 430,000 squared kilometres. Each region has its own needs and deserves representation and celebration. The metropolitan residents from Perth flock and visit/flood our regions for their holidays and see many impacts on the regions, some positive and others negative. This is not factored in or acknowledged, if peoples living in metropolitan Perth want to continue to visit the regions then the regions should continue to have their seats. The current metro seats do not support the regions, which is disheartening. This divide can not increase or worsen further.

The suggestion to abolish the North West Central electorate in favour of new metropolitan seats may benefit some 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 as the fate of regional West Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Sian Dodd
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