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Dear Commissioner,

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

Despite consistently suffering worse outcomes than their city cousins, 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.

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.

The areas covered from Muchea to Meekatharra cover widely diversified industries. This would make it impossible for any elected representative to adequately address concerns of electors. Electors are not stupid. The Labor party would do better to remember the vast majority of this state's wealth comes from Mining, Fishing, Pastoral, not city centric button pushing industries. The regional areas are where the hard lifting gets done. We have long memories and remember the battle we had to keep our school at Moora and the Royal Flying Doctor long before the proposed changes to electoral boundaries. We live in the broad acre farming Mid West. Our interests here have nothing in common with Kalbarri for instance.

Please consider how this redistribution will ensure democratic equity and the fate of regional West Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely

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