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Dear Redistribution Commissioners,

I object to the electoral boundaries you have proposed for the Legislative Assembly.

Further reducing the number of regional electorates will, in my opinion, considerably lessen the opportunities for rural and regional citizens to make their voices known to their elected members, regardless of their political persuasion.

Some Metropolitan MP's could walk to many places in their electorates in a reasonable time.

That is not the case in non-metropolitan electorates.

In many cases there is not even air travel linkage, meaning the regional representatives have to resort to driving vast distances to maintain contact with their electorate constituents and represent the state at official functions and community celebrations or commemorations.

Reducing the regional seats and thus increasing the distances required for parliamentary representatives to service them, is thus a serious backwards step for democracy. Not only will committed citizens be discouraged from pursuing a role as parliamentary representatives due to the impact on their families as a result of the travel involved, their health will be adversely affected as a result of long hours sitting in vehicles moving from place to place. Not to mention the increased dangers from spending long hours on regional roads that are not always up to metropolitan standards.

For no other reason than the incremental detriment imposed on the health and safety of Regional Parliamentary Representatives, regardless of their political persuasion, these electoral boundary changes are unsafe. Particularly the Moore and North West Central electorates amalgamation.

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Please reconsider.

Yours sincerely

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