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The Commissioner, WAEC

Dear Sir

I wish to comment on the proposed amalgamation of the seats of Moore and North West Central into a single Mid West seat.

Having previously lived in Moora for some 26 years, and been a Shire Councillor there for 12 years, I appreciate how difficult it is to keep in touch with the community - and my experience was just one shire, using contemporary travel and communications options.

During my time as a Councillor, I was called on by local MP's to fill in for them at community events, simply because they could not physically be present at all the important events in the electorate. While I could "fill the gap" at an event, this is really a poor second for the community, which deserves the input from their MP, and the opportunity such events offer to provide first hand experience of local conditions and needs.

From these experiences, I really respect the effort required by state MP's who have vast areas to cover to monitor the needs and expectations of people in their electorates.

Thus I would like to register my objection to amalgamation of the seats of Moore and North West Central into a single Mid West seat. Such realignment of boundaries in this way is both unreasonable - indeed unfair to the communities affected, and impractical for the MP's responsible for representing them. It's hard enough for MP's now; amalgamation would make reasonable representation unworkable.


I trust that the WAEC will appreciate these concerns, ensuring all regional and rural Western Australians are fairly treated, and elected members can maintain effective interactions with their communities.

Yours faithfully

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