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To the WAEC,

Proposed electoral boundaries 2023.

I wish to submit this strong objection against the proposed electoral boundaries for 2023.

In summary the proposed boundaries blatantly discriminate against Aboriginal people and Regional communities, by denying them equitable and adequate political representation. For example Labours proposals include the abolition of Moore and Nth West central, two significant Australian regions, into one seat. These types of proposals make it nearly impossible for an elected representative to physically attend to the region given vast distances involved. Nor do these proposals enable the voices of these communities to be adequately heard. As the regional views will be drowned out constantly by the voices of an ever increasing number of metropolitan seats representatives.

For example cuurently the member of Roe represents 41 towns, 49 schools and 16 LGA's over 105,000sqkm. But the metropolitan member for Mt. Lawley covers only 18sqkm.

This arrangement is hardly equitable nor democratic. In fact this form of centralised political representation is actually socialist and boarderline communist.

Regardless it is certainly not democracy, when large sections of our community and certain socio-eomic groups, are being deliberately and legislativly left with near powerless and intentionally inadequate political representation.

Instead, I propose the WACE either, leaves the boundaries as they are, and actually moves to even up the number of regional and metropolitan seats.

Or adopts Liberals proposal to change the act to increase the large district allowance from 1.5% to 3%. Which is in alignment with the intention and purpose of the Electoral Reform Act 1907, designed to mitigate the impact that boundary changes have on democratic fairness by ensuring equitable regional representation.

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Sent from my Galaxy

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