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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.

This proposal shows no recognition, or acknowledgement, of the extraordinary contribution that regional communities, particularly farmers and miners, make to the Western Australian economy, the driver of the economy of the whole nation. It is vital that the voice of regional WA is taken into account and not ignored. This current State government, elected in a landslide due solely to previous Premier Mark McGowan's personal popularity as a result of his handling of the Covid pandemic, has taken advantage of their increased power by taking a cut throat razor to Western Australian rural communities, deriding anyone opposing them in the Parliament, and causing serious division in the community, resulting in an uprising on the steps of Parliament House last week.

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

Sincerely,

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