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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.

Even without the boundary changes we saw this happen after the 2017 Election when Labor came into power they withdrew Royalties for Regions funding in Moora for aged accommodation, to complete the Metronet system.

Make an electorate larger, and you can guarantee that that will cause a wider still spread of funding for much needed facilities, apart from the lack of even representation in Parliament.

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.

Altering boundaries to improve political fortunes before an election is wrong and should not be a consideration. People should be represented fairly, particularly in the regional areas of Western Australia which are so large - why should they, despite thinner population, have a reduced voice?

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Further, including metropolitan fringe areas in a regional seat poses problems for the elected member as pointed out by Melissa Price just in the last few weeks because of changes to her electorate incorporating fringe metropolitan areas.

I stand with thousands of regional West Australians expressing their disappointment at this redistribution, viewing it as a regrettable lost chance. I urge you to re-evaluate your proposal, ensuring the preservation of the 16 regional seats

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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