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Dear Commissioner,

Please see attached letter regarding the electoral boundaries.

Kind Regards

Bevan Eatts

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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.

I'm President of the Manjimup Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chair of the Western Australian Water Users Coalition and from my own personal experience, have found it frustrating that there is no interest from the city-based Members of the Legislative Council. Premier McGowan's comments that we now have 37 members of parliament representing us after the Legislative Council changes has not come to fruition. The lack of willingness from city-based based MLC to travel to the regions or even engage on issues affecting our communities has been disappointing.

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 Northwest 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.

Please consider how this redistribution will ensure democratic equity for all West Australians.

The fate of regional West Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Bevan Eatts

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