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Dear Commissioner

As a resident of WA, I oppose the abolition of the North West Central seat. I contend that the Labor government is motivated by partisan politics, not good governance for all WA residents. Rather it is an attempt by Labor to entrench themselves in power, snubbing their noses at regional West Australians.

Nearly 20 regional seats have been abolished already and in that time I have noticed that the regional areas of our state have been treated by governments as "poor cousins" where WA government services are concerned. This particularly the case when a Labor government is in power. For example, the current Labor government has greatly reduced the services to regions that had been provided under the Royalties for Regions program.

As government services have declined in regional areas, including the North West Central, the local communities have to travel larger distances at their own cost in order access many of the services that are readily provided to people in larger population centres such as Perth, Bunbury and Geraldton. A further consequence from the reduced services arising from the disregard of regional WA residents is the flow on effect that results in regional towns and villages becoming less populated as people have to move to the cities and towns trying to get work and children gain a higher education.

Most of WA's wealth, which helps provide the standard of living enjoyed throughout our state, is due to the productive effort of regional residents who produce that wealth. They should not be denied proper representation which will occur if the seat is abolished. The expression, "no taxation without representation" is as applicable to the voters of the North West Central region as it was to colonial Americans.

As a resident living in Greenwood, I have easy access and minimal cost to my local representatives. They host sessions in local parks where voters are able to discuss matters of concern with them. Due to the vast areas involved, a similar opportunity is denied to most regional voters. If the seat of North West Central is abolished, that will exacerbate their lack of opportunity, not improve it,

Retaining the North West Central seat will ensure that regional West Australian voters won't be further disadvantaged than they already are.

I submit that abolishing that seat would be a retrograde step in the lives of those voters and hence it should be retained.

Yours faithfully

David Tyrrell (Greenwood WA)

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