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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 believe reducing regional representation will be extremely damaging to Western Australia. The geographic demarcation of electorates must take into account not only the number of electors but also the economic contribution made by the regions. It should also take into account the demographic attribute difference between urban and regional voters with increasing ignorance of important regional economic matters amongst urban voters.

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.

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

The fate of regional Western Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely,

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