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Dear Commissioner,

My family and I are responding to the electoral boundary suggestions published on your website.

There are so very many situations where regional residents do not have a fraction of the services and Government support that metropolitan dwellers do. Redistributing the boundaries as you propose without a doubt reduces the voice of regional people and increases the influence of metro based voters.

Given that so much of the wealth that WA enjoys is produced in regional and remote areas (mining and agriculture) the residents who live a completely different way of life from Metro people really should be able to have regional representatives who live in and understand the realities of country living. The Country /Metro divide is a fact of life and in all fairness country people deserve fair representation which they will not have the option of if the number of regional seats is as severely reduced as you propose.

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 West Australians.

The fate of regional West Australians is in your hands.

Sincerely,

The Bowen family, Rose, Geoff and Annette.



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