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Dear Western Australian Electoral Distribution Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal to abolish the seat of North West Central from the Western Australian State Parliament. As a vast state with unique regional communities, each with its distinct social, economic, and environmental issues, Western Australia needs proper regional representation in the state parliament. The North West Central electorate represents one of these regions, home to many communities, including Indigenous Australians and those working in the mining, tourism, and pastoral industries. Abolishing this electorate would mean that these communities would have less direct representation in the state government, leading to a loss of their voices and perspectives in state politics.

The regional areas of Western Australia make a significant economic contribution to the state, particularly through the mining and agriculture sectors. These industries play a crucial role in driving the state's economy and providing job opportunities for Western Australians. However, reducing the number of regional electorates would mean that the state government would have less direct representation from these areas, potentially resulting in a lack of attention to their unique economic needs and priorities.

I believe that Western Australians should have more regional representation in the state parliament, not less. Reducing the number of regional electorates, like the government has done in upper house reform, and eliminating the North West Central electorate would mean that the remaining electorates would become even more oversized, making it more challenging for elected representatives to connect with their constituents and address their concerns. This would lead to an unequal and unfair representation, where some regions would have a disproportionate influence on the state government, while others would be underrepresented.

I strongly urge the Commissioners to reject the proposal to abolish the seat of North West Central from the Western Australian State Parliament. The state government must ensure that all communities, including those in regional areas, have equal representation in state politics and that their voices are heard in shaping the future of the state.

I believe that the proposed abolition of the North West Central electorate is a mistake for the following reasons:

- It would reduce the representation of regional Western Australia in the state parliament.
- It would make it more challenging for regional Western Australia to access government services.
- It would be unfair to the people of regional Western Australia.

Therefore, I urge you to reject this proposal and keep the seat of North West Central in the Western Australian State Parliament.

Kind regards,

Lachlan Hunter