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I write to provide brief comments to the WA Electoral Commission ('the Commission'), in relation to the review of the WA Electoral Boundaries, currently being undertaken.

I wish to confirm that I support the submission provided to the Commission by The Nationals WA, suggesting minimal changes, while still meeting the WAEC criteria, maintaining (16) regional seats ensuring equitable representations for all West Australians and allowing adequate representation of the diverse communities within the largest geographical electorate in the State, North West Central.

Significant changes to the Legislative Council, diminishing the voice of regional communities in the State's parliament, seemingly heightens the need for a carefully consider approach to immediate significant change in the Legislative Assembly, to ensure potential population growth expected as a result of emerging industries across the Gascoyne, Mid West and Murchison are considered.

In addition to this communities across the North West Central electorate often share similar areas of interest, geographical features and land use patterns and experiences, geographical isolation and distance not only from the Capital of the State, but from their local representative, already extremely difficult for many constituents over 2000km from their electoral office.

The vast differences in Western Australia between regional and Metropolitan areas is enormous and there is a need for local representatives to be drawn from communities they understand and are accountable to which is fundamental to representative democracy and I urge the Commissioners to consider these challenges and to bear in mind their responsibility to uphold the democratic values West Australians expect.

For reasons outlined in the Nationals WA submission and points highlighted above I believe the adoption of a "one vote, one value" electoral system cannot deliver fair or equitable parliamentary representation for all, in a very large and diverse State like WA.

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