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Dear WAEC and Review Committee

**RE: Comments on suggestions are invited (after the close of suggestions, 1 May, 2023 at 5.00 pm until 15 May 2023 at 5.00 pm)**

<http://www.boundaries.wa.gov.au/have-your-say/making-submission>

I have read the suggestions submitted on or before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 and wish to submit the following comments in order of what I see as priorities for consideration:

1. Changes in electoral boundaries should not cut across LGA boundaries for a variety of administrative reasons.
  - a. Current boundaries may cut across LGAs and where it has been raised to realign boundaries to return them to an LGA boundary – we support this initiative to realign them to LGA boundaries;
  - b. Where a submission has been made to realign a boundary based on drainage basins, or topographical features, and this would cause state electoral boundaries to cut across LGA boundaries, then we disagree with these submissions; and
  - c. Where no change in an electoral boundary impacting an LGA boundary has been submitted, we support no change.
2. Loss of regional electorates or reconfiguring electoral boundaries should not eliminate cultural or community representation.
  - a. Current regional boundaries have been based on community representation rather than population distribution. In a nation or state such as Western Australia where we pride ourselves on respecting the rights of all residents and looking after those less fortunate, it is imperative that we as a society ensure that our weakest members are protected. One protection is the right to representation in electorate boundaries. In Regional WA, sometimes that representation is more about protecting an area/community, rather than the relative distribution of population.
  - b. Regional electorates despite lower population centres, often generate more per capita wealth to the state economy than metropolitan electorates, and in so doing regional communities ask for fair distribution of support services and political representation.

In summary, our comments are to:

1. Wherever possible maintain or return electoral boundaries to match LGA boundaries; and
2. Not to reduce representation of Regional WA electorates and to retain the number of regional electorates.

Postscript – I have not individually identified where in each submission, a proposed realignment would cross an LGA boundary, but if it is necessary to do so for my submission to be acknowledged, please either advise me with ample time to list these changes individually.

Thank you,  
Kind regards,  
Morrie

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