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Dear Commissioner,

I wish to respond to electoral boundary suggestions published on your website. I have lived in regional towns all my life and contributed in my educational career to each town, its inhabitants, its activities in a professional and volunteer capacity all my life. I thought my contributions were highly valued and helped make a difference. I am resident of a small town which works hard, like every other town where its communities work hard towards sustainable outcomes for its people, especially our youth. Every child deserves excellence in our offerings of education, health and any other matter pertaining to their future lives. We cannot all live in a city and the city is not a place for our farming communities which provide the food for all. I want to be heard.

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 support the resounding collective sentiment from many submissions that sixteen regional seats must be maintained.

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,

Robyn Cummings  
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