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Shire of Esperance Submission - Electoral Boundary Changes in Regional WA

It is imperative that the State retain the current 16 regional seats in the Legislative Assembly.

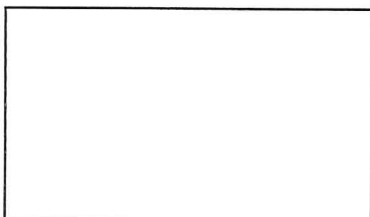
Over the years there has been a gradual erosion of regional political representation. Regional constituents are already disadvantaged due to proximity access to their local Member and the services and advocacy that they provide. Having the ability to personally meet with your local member to address local issues should be a right for any regional WA resident. Due to travel and distance, regional politicians will often have to work harder to provide the same service to their constituents as their city counter-parts. Equal voter distribution is therefore fundamentally flawed when added with the regional challenges within WA for constituent access to their local politician.

Continual advocacy and support for regional WA from a political perspective to ensure adequate access to health care, aged care, transport infrastructure and education is vital to ensure services are comparable to those in Perth. Why should the regional WA population receive lower level services to those who reside in metropolitan Perth!!

I understand that the average number of voters in country WA is 29,520 per seat or just -3.12% below the average. This is well within the allowable 10 percent above or below the average, so change is not required at this time.

Retention of the current 16 regional seats is imperative for good governance of the State.

Thanks



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