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Dear Commissioner,

I am responding to the electoral boundary suggestions published on your website.

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- despite the fact that most of Western Australia's wealth is generated beyond city limits.

It is of utmost importance that this loss of representation in the upper house is not compounded by reduced legislative assembly representation. Regional areas are already suffering the outcomes of consistently metropolitan based decisions and it is vital that regional representation not be stripped back further- there must be a balance in government of regional and metropolitan voices. Otherwise it is not a democratic governing system that supports equality amongst all that it represents.

Having read the published suggestions, I support that the 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 (Even though a lot is contributed from the vast amount of regional taxes) but it would be a devastating blow for regional communities that clearly need more representation now.

I hope you will consider the severity of this decision for regional people. The divide between city and country is becoming too wide and I believe that Western Australia deserves an inclusive representation from across our whole state.

Kine Regards,

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