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### **SUBMISSION TO W.A. ELECTORAL REFORM**

A previous Labor Government was the mover who did away with the weighted vote which Country people had in the Lower House.

Now they are attempting to deny Country voters of 9 seats in the Upper House of Parliament in W.A. leaving only 9 representatives to service approximately 2/3 of the area of W.A.

This area producers, I should say, 2/3 of the total value of produce in W.A.

If Country people loose 9 votes in the Upper House, the result will be **devastating** for those areas.

In the electorates in the City, with a high density of population the elected member could walk around his area in one day, whereas a member representing the Mining and Pastoral area would take at least 3 weeks to visit his constituents if he travelled by plane.

In my opinion the fairest way in an election, the first past the post should be adopted and do away with preferential voting in all electorates.

The so called House of Review, that is the Legislative Council should become a true House of Review with all members classed as independent members with no attachment to any party.

The above action is the only way for the Legislative Council to remain a true House of Review with all members remaining as true independents and not swayed by their allegiance to any other party.

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