

Electoral Reform

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The Dairy Council supports leaving the 18 Metro and 18 Regional Upper House Seats as they currently exist.

The Lower House of the WA Parliament has become a city-centric parliamentary forum.

Regional voters, who create considerable financial wealth for the state of WA, need the WA Upper House in order to have some form of protection for their interests.

Any changes to the Upper House boundaries and voting numbers to bring them into line with the Lower House (one vote one value) will do enormous damage to regional voters.

The Review Committee should put all its efforts into changing the 'below the line' preferential voting system, as other states have, in order to deliver a more balanced outcome to the elected members who reside in the Upper House.