

Ministerial Expert Commission on Electoral Reform

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To Whom It May Concern

I have read the Discussion Paper on Electoral Reform and I found the paper quite overwhelming with statistics, percentages and a strong case by the Commission that One Vote One Value is justifiable.

I am passionate about regional, remote and rural WA and the contribution we provide to the economy.

I am not contributing to this reform and following the models the Commission has presented.

I wish that the Commission would consider the Canadian Court interpretation where effective representation such as geography should be considered for effective representation. Also, with regard to our brief history on representation that from the outset significant difference in the number of electors per province. My argument is, Why change the system that has worked successfully for so long?

On a completely different argument to changing the boundaries to accommodate One Vote One Value, I want you to consider the human aspect of a Member of Parliament that is representing the rural voters and how they have to cover extreme distances to care for their constituents. In the future I am concerned that we will lack the willingness of candidates to put their hand up and consider being our representative, with so much time on the road and away from family and quality of life.

I hope you will seriously consider my submission.

Yours sincerely

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