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COMMENTS
(re- suggestions pertaining to electoral redistribution)
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This submission has several valid and important points. Adjustments due to population growth in metropolitan areas should be made within the boundaries of metropolitan areas. Rural areas already exist under the tyranny of distance and isolation. By increasing the geographic size of rural electorates, this tyranny is exacerbated further. Cootamundra has a strong community of interest. The 11 LGAs are small to medium in size, and as dryland farm areas, have much in common. Should redistribution move us into irrigation areas, that community of interest would be destroyed and the natural flow of services would be alienated.
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Cootamundra is a unique electorate and should remain this way. With no over-riding large regional city, the small to medium sized villages and towns have been able to establish and provide a true regional focus and community of interest. This local representation and a strategic direction gives a concentration on regional perspective, while at the same time allowing each village and town to create its own unique sense of community and identity. With this in mind, population should not be the major driver in the redistribution process, but the QUALITY of representation should be a large part of the representation. All of us are proud of our particular and unique electorate, but also of our individual local town / community, because we have not been overwhelmed, under-valued or side-lined by a regional city.
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Many points in this submission are clear and logical- especially to rural electors! Representation should not be based simply on numbers, but on adequate representation for regional communities, which are often based across large geographical areas. (Cootamundra being the 4th largest in geographical size). Enlarging these areas brings increased risks to MPs under OH&S. Enlargement also increases the number of LGAs per electorate, thus reducing their voice in the parliamentary process. The unsustainability of increasing city MPs as metropolitan populations increase, while increasing the geographic size of rural electorates, is a salient point. The weakening of the voice of western electorates in parliament, due to redistribution, is a betrayal of true democracy. We in the bush often feel like “the forgotten ones West of the Great divide”. We are citizens of this state and deserve equal representation and consideration and access to both of these. Most importantly, we need to maintain communities of interest within the Cootamundra Electorate.

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