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SUBMISSION TO MINISTERIAL EXPERT PANEL

At the outset I wish to register my extreme disappointment with Premier Mark McGowan.

Previously I have considered him to be honest and truthful but to state that electoral reform was not on his agenda, as he did many times during the Election Campaign, and then to quickly appoint a Committee to consider that very thing was a dishonest act.

To say that this was brought forward because of the election of the Daylight Saving member does not cut the ice as these anomalies have occurred previously.

Electoral equality can only lead to a diminishing number of members representing the sparsely populated areas of the State. A result of this situation could mean that the Upper House would mirror the composition of the Lower House and defeat the purpose of the Upper House as a House of Review. I point out that the Senate has equal representation of all states regardless of population. It serves a useful function in preventing the powerful and populous states such as NSW and Victoria swamping the interests of states with a smaller population such as Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. If rural representation in WA is reduced more power will be ceded to the large population of Perth. City members already dominate the Legislative Assembly.

It is hard to see how the current system disadvantages the city voter. Conditions in the rural areas are obviously not ideal as the drift to metropolitan Perth continues at an alarming rate.

I appeal to the Committee to consider these points. The country voter is already at a considerable disadvantage.

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