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Details:

The boundaries of Grey should remain focused on regional and remote communities rather than being expanded to include metropolitan areas, because doing so would weaken fair representation for people living outside cities.

Grey is one of the largest regional electorates in Australia and represents communities with very different needs from metropolitan residents. Regional areas rely heavily on industries such as agriculture, mining, transport, and regional services. If metropolitan suburbs were added, the priorities of city voters such as urban infrastructure and congestion could overshadow key regional issues like drought support, regional health access, and distance education. This would reduce the effectiveness of representation for rural communities.

Grey as a regional electorate ensures that regional voices are strong in federal decision-making.

Expanding the electorate into metro areas risks diluting those voices because metropolitan populations are larger and often dominate voting outcomes. Maintaining the current regional focus helps protect balanced representation across Australia.

Grey is already quite large and has many challenges for genuine community engagement. Adding metropolitan areas would make the electorate even more complex and harder to represent effectively.

Election boundaries are designed to reflect communities of shared interest. Regional South Australians often share common economic conditions,

service access challenges, and lifestyles that differ significantly from metropolitan residents. Keeping Grey regional preserves this important principle of representation
