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Details:

The proposed new Grey boundaries make it impossible for an MP to represent everyone across vast distances with no commonality connecting them. Its like adding part of Perth to the Kimberley electorate covering a similar area.

Adding outer suburbs to Grey at best dilutes representation of Aboriginal people, mining people & station people living north of, and up to 19 hours or more by road from Adelaide.

The proposed boundaries disproportionately also benefit One Nation at the expense of other parties. The outcome will be determined in the northern suburbs and the cereal growing areas and their regional service cities in the Iron Triangle, the areas where One Nation outperformed the ALP & LNP in State elections. Big swings from the ALP to One Nation occurred in the northern outer city areas and in the cereal growing areas and regional service cities big swings also occurred, away from the LNP to One Nation and an independent.

If any outer suburban areas need to be added to a regional electorate the electorate to add them to is the seat of Barker, with the arid areas of Barker moved to the arid electorate of Grey. Even if this still disproportionately benefits One Nation in Grey it helps electors and the MP alike if representation across vast distances is representation of people linked by their need to face the meaning of lack of rain instead of large blocs of voters sharing nothing in common other than a State capital outside their electorate.

This is a private submission from a person who lives in Grey and travels on business in both the desert

and dryland farming areas, the regional cities and at times the northern suburbs of Adelaide, dealing with people from all kinds of backgrounds. I really feel for any MP asked to represent the myriad of differences I encounter while traversing these distances.
