

CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
(ELECTORAL EQUALITY) BILL 2021

830. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to the Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Bill 2021.

Since the McGowan government has no mandate for stripping parliamentary representation from Western Australian regional voters, will it put this seismic change of electoral law to the democratic test of a referendum; and, if not, why not?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

I reject the premise of the honourable member's question. The electoral equality bill will enhance the representation of all Western Australians, regardless of where they live.