

Hello

I would like to add my input to your deliberations for the upcoming revision of electoral boundaries.

I currently live in Edmonton Riverview. Half of the constituency is on the south side and half in the west end, across the North Saskatchewan River. This is not a natural divide. I feel I have more in common with my neighbours south or slightly west of me than those in the west end.

I do not believe we need any more MLA's. This is an unnecessary expense. Other provinces do fine with larger populations and proportionally fewer elected provincial legislators. Alberta is the most urbanized province in the country and we need to acknowledge that. The juxtaposition of Dunvegan (I appreciate the travel difficulties, but have you travelled down the Whitemud lately?) to Edmonton-Whitemud is too much. A rough estimate would be that we need seats to cover a population. of 35-43000. If this means fewer rural seats so be it. I thought the idea of an elected house was representation by population. We need to be brave enough to reflect the true nature of our province.

Thank you
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