

I grew up on a farm (in the red deer east riding) that my parents lived on for 35 years until 2008, when we moved them to town because they could no longer drive and their health was such it made it hard to be so far out of town. I have lived and worked in small towns and in Red Deer and Lethbridge that being said, I would like to know what idiot thought that city people and people in the rural areas have the same needs, or would even cooperate or benefit from being in the same riding. Rural and Urban Alberta are notorious for not liking each other the Job an MLA would be impossible because there will be no way he will be able to act on the best interest of His/Her constituents. This will make it so one or the other will be represented and one will lose out big time. What a ridiculous mapping for new electoral boundaries. I could see a 3rd riding in Red Deer, but this plan you have shown is crazy. Your plan would leave people in the south side of Red Deer very inconvenienced for transportation for Seniors or the disabled to get to meetings with their MLA or to town hall meetings and even for voting. People that live in small towns will likely wont attend meetings in the city. Why would someone from a town of 7800 want to have an MLA in a City of 90,000 or vice versa? Country people will hate the idea. Again my family lived in Red Deer county for 35 years many of my family still do and I tell you some group in this mix is going to be very neglected. I think that this decision will stop people from being active with their government stop them voting and most leave them with a **"what's the point"** feeling, hopefully this is not what you want.

Again I say that the city, small town and country people's needs are very different and all should receive a little respect from the gov't when making these kind of decisions.

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