In the 21st Century it is vital that women have equal representation in parliament so that their issues can be equally debated and understood alongside men’s issues. This will bring about a more balanced debate and more balanced decision making, and enhance mutual understanding and respect for the differences as well as the similarities. Women make up 51% of the population and this ratio needs to be reflected in parliament. Boundary changes must not undermine women’s under representation any further. Positive action is necessary to ensure equality of representation for women.

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