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Comments on the Submissions in Relation to the ACT Legislative Assembly Electoral Boundaries for the 2020 ACT Assembly Election

On behalf of the Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) we offer the following comments on the Submissions made in relation to the proposed ACT Legislative Assembly Electoral Boundaries for the 2020 ACT Election.

All of the Submissions have really made an effort to satisfy the quota requirements. However, one of the main issues seems to be the Electorates of Murrumbidgee and Brindabella and how they can fit into the mapping tool.

This relates to how to fit Kambah East or Kambah West into Brindabella and make adjustments around the remaining Electorates so that they meet the requirements. This results in some odd inclusions and exclusions of suburbs from electorates.

Our Submission recommends a split of one of the Kambah's to take sufficient electors out to balance the Electorates. Chris Erret's Submission makes the same point while the Liberal Party Submission splits Kambah but to make the balance moves Deakin into Murrumbidgee which we would urge not to happen.

The Labor Party, in a similar way to balance the numbers, suggests moving Red Hill into Murrumbidgee. Again, we would suggest that it is still a better option to split Kambah East or Kambah West and leave Red Hill in Kurrajong where it belongs. The Proportional Representation Party is of a similar view and opts to move Kambah East into Brindabella but then move Aranda and

Cook to Murrumbidgee. Again, this moves these suburbs from Ginninderra into Murrumbidgee and we would strongly suggest this not happen and Kambah be split.

Many of the other Submissions have split the traditional Districts with Suburbs in different electorates. For example, Barry Coyle's 2nd Submission splits Woden, the Inner South, the Inner North and Belconnen while Martin Gordon is of the same broad view that we should nearly be able to place most suburbs in their natural Districts. However, the mapping tool forces him to split the Inner South, Belconnen, Woden and Tuggeranong.

In summary, there seems to be a general consensus from the Submissions that they want to keep the Electorates pretty much the same as they are with some small tinkering of all of the Electorates. Most have tried to do the Electorate Divisions within the parameters of the Mapping Tool and this has resulted in some strange combinations of Suburbs in different electorates.

If the Kambah suburb could be further split, we would strongly suggest that this might be one of the easiest Electorate Boundary changes.

Again, Council would be pleased to discuss this submission at any time.

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