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Dear Augmented ACT Electoral Commission

Objection to the ACT Redistribution Committee's Proposed Redistribution

I would like to register my objection to the ACT Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution of the ACT electoral boundaries as the proposal unnecessarily bifurcates the Canberra Central district.

Notwithstanding the primary criteria of electoral enrolments falling within the legislated % of a quota, the proposed redistribution has not, in my view, adequately addressed the following criterion of the Electoral Act:

- (c)(iv) 'the boundaries of existing electorates';
- (c)(i) 'the community of interests within each proposed electorate, including economic, social and regional interests'; and
- (c)(iii) 'the physical features and area of each proposed electorate'

The proposed redistribution would result in the members for Murrumbidgee being responsible for representing the community interests of five distinctive towns/districts: Woden Valley; Weston Creek; Molonglo Valley; Tuggeranong; and Canberra Central. This would be a poor outcome for both the members of this electorate, and their constituents, in the Legislative Assembly. I note that members of other electorates would be representing constituents in one or two significant districts.

My earlier proposal, as submitted in the public suggestion phase, may have been misunderstood. I was suggesting that Kambah West itself be split between Brindabella and Murrumbidgee, which could address the quota requirements of both electorates while avoiding the need to split Yarralumla and Deakin from the Kurrajong electorate. While it is not ideal to split a suburb (noting that the proposed redistribution is already splitting Kambah across two electorates) this would, in my view, be preferable to splitting yet another district.

Yours sincerely

Chris Erett
2 June 2019

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