

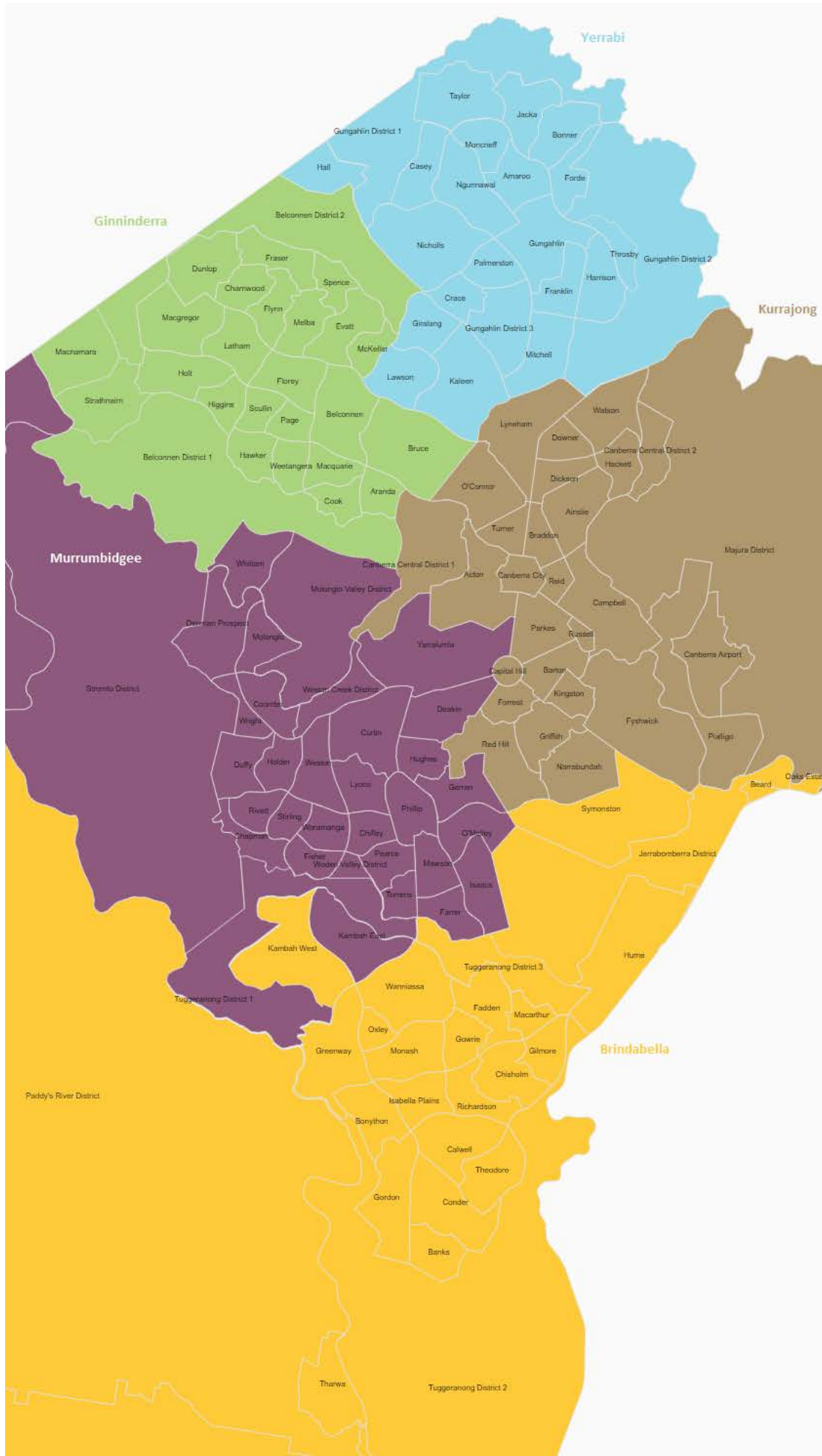
## Electoral boundaries submission

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### Submission details

A proposal for the 2023 ACT redistribution which aims to meet the quota requirements, while applying due consideration to the other five factors. In particular, this proposal aims to deviate as little as possible from the 2020 ACT boundaries in terms of the number of residents affected by the change. Moving residents from one electorate to another in a redistribution is very disruptive to democracy, as residents who voted for and were previously represented by 5 MLAs now have to "adopt" a new set of 5 MLAs. Incumbent MLAs running for re-election will likely run again in the same seats, severing long-standing relationships between residents and their local representatives. Moving residents between electorates is also disruptive to communities of interest, who now have to lobby an entirely new set of MLAs and candidates on local issues. The existing boundaries, and indeed this submission, bear a good resemblance to the ACT's districts. Redistributing significant portions of the Inner South across multiple electorates, for instance, would result in an electoral map which deviates significantly from those established districts with which so many Canberrans identify. I believe that minimising the disruption of moving residents between electorates at a redistribution should be a priority for the committee. I am submitting this in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any organisation.

# Electorate boundary map



**Electorate summary**