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**Subject:** Electoral Boundary Changes: objection to current proposal

To the ACT Electoral Commission.

As a resident of the Canberra's Inner North, I am writing to object to the current Electoral Commission proposal to split the electoral boundaries for the Inner North along Northbourne Avenue. Canberra's Inner North is a clear geographic/physical entity and a local community with common economic, social and regional interests. This common social identity and clear physical boundaries of the Inner North community has held true both historically and for the foreseeable future. My experience is that many Inner North residents live on one side of Northbourne Ave but rely everyday on services on the other side of the Avenue, such as school, work or access to local services such as library and health services. As these kinds of daily services are often a key consideration for residents at elections, I believe that currently proposed division along Northbourne Avenue is a very detrimental change to the electoral boundaries.

Instead of the current proposal, I prefer the previous proposal published by the Redistribution Committee on 5 May 2011The ACT to transfer Crace and Palmerston from Molonglo to Ginninderra. I also encourage the Commission to identify further options that are less locally divisive.

yours sincerely

Brendan Baxter