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A. C. T. Electoral Commissioner,

Dear Sir,

ATT. REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Thanks for supplying copies of the submissions. I had hoped to provide comments through the Woden Valley Community Council, but they were too busy with the Woden Town Centre Draft Master Plan to meet your deadline.

The thrust of our concern was the splitting of adjacent suburbs into different Electorates. In particular, 2 Woden Valley suburbs are in Brindabella, whereas the remainder are in Molonglo. No doubt, there is similar concern over Nicholls and Hall being in a different Electorate to the bulk of Gungahlin. As M.L.A.'s are meant to represent a locality, consolidated Districts would be more efficient and consistent.

It is noted that this theme is included in several of the submissions. Rather than dislocate Canberra's satellite towns, it would seem preferable to change the number of members in each Electorate.

Yours faithfully  
Bobby Raison