

Submission to the Augmented ACT Electoral Commission

Objections to the electoral boundaries redistribution are mainly against splitting districts such as Gungahlin or Woden between 2 electorates. I agree with these objections, and feel electoral boundaries should try to follow the natural geographic boundaries of the ACT. To remove the splitting of Gungahlin between the electorate of Molonglo and Ginninderra, new boundaries have been proposed that now split the Inner North between Molonglo and Ginninderra. I object to the 2nd boundary proposal, as it is just transferring the issue of a split community from Gungahlin to the Inner North.

All of the proposed electoral boundaries use the system of two 5 member electorates and one 7 member electorate. None appear to consider a system of two 6 member electorates and one 5 member electorate. The legislation states an odd number of members are to be elected from each electorate to ensure a total odd number of members, but this can be achieved with 2 even numbers and one odd number.

I think the electoral boundaries should try to follow the natural geographic boundaries in the ACT, should endeavour not to split local districts between 2 electorates, and should consider altering the number of members per electorate while still keeping the total of elected members at 17. If the below distribution is too far outside the box for the 2012 election, then I would prefer the 1st redistribution proposal which contained only minimal changes from the 2008 electoral boundaries.

Ginninderra - All of Belconnen and all of Gungahlin.

Elected members	6
Proposed enrolments for 2012	96689
Deviation from quota	6.94%

This electorate now roughly covers the Ginninderra Creek catchment.

Molonglo - all of the Inner North, all of the Inner South, and all of Woden.

Elected members	5
Proposed enrolments for 2012	77921
Deviation from quota	3.42%

This electorate now roughly covers the Molonglo River catchment.

Brindabella - All of Tuggeranong and all of Weston Creek.

Elected members	6
Proposed enrolments for 2012	81558
Deviation from quota	-9.79%

This electorate now roughly covers the area closest to the Brindabella Mountains.

Details of the below boundaries and number of enrolments are in the below table.

These suggested changes give a result that is outside 5% of the quota division, but within 10% of the quota division. These suggested boundaries do not split any of the local districts between electorates and follow natural geographic boundaries.

Suburb (bold suburbs are moved to a new electorate from proposed)		Projected enrolments 20 Oct 2012 Brindabella	Projected enrolments 20 Oct 2012 Ginninderra	Projected enrolments 20 Oct 2012 Molonglo
Banks	B	3951		
Bonython	B	2831		
Calwell	B	4402		
Chifley	B			1764
Chisholm	B	3709		
Conder	B	4084		
Fadden	B	2323		
Farrer	B			2489
Gilmore	B	1964		
Gordon	B	6193		
Gowrie	B	2371		
Greenway	B	1199		
Isabella Plains	B	3008		
Kambah	B	11101		
Macarthur	B	1184		
Monash	B	4369		
Oxley	B	1309		
Pearse	B			1925
Richardson	B	2166		
Theodore	B	2898		
Torrens	B			1677
Tuggeranong - SSD	B	22		
Wanniassa	B	5591		
Remainder of ACT	B	187		
Amaroo	G		3688	
Aranda	G		1836	
Belconnen Town Centre	G		2843	
Belconnen - SSD	G		30	
Bonner	G		523	
Bruce	G		3659	
Casey	G		723	
Charnwood	G		2052	
Cook	G		2180	
Crace	G		112	
Dunlop	G		5218	
Evatt	G		3865	
Florey	G		3656	
Flynn	G		2458	
Forde	G		862	
Franklin	G		2961	
Fraser	G		1541	
Giralang	G		2425	
Gungahlin	G		3513	
Gungahlin - Hall - SSD	G		16	
Hall	G		228	
Harrison	G		2790	
Hawker	G		2102	
Higgins	G		2137	

Holt	G		3602	
Kaleen	G		5330	
Latham	G		2630	
Lyneham	G			3451
McKellar	G		2161	
Macgregor	G		4088	
Macquarie	G		1819	
Melba	G		2448	
Mitchell	G		8	
Ngunnawal	G		6187	
Nicholls	G		5151	
O'Conner	G			3942
Page	G		2014	
Palmerston	G		4212	
Scullin	G		1859	
Spence	G		1836	
Turner	G			2535
Weetangera	G		1926	
Acton	M			368
Ainslie	M			3973
Barton	M			928
Braddon	M			3157
Campbell - Duntroon - Majura	M			3943
Chapman	M	2087		
City	M			1060
Curtin	M			3975
Deakin	M			2127
Dickson	M			1482
Downer	M			2498
Duffy	M	2260		
Fisher	M	2314		
Forrest	M			1156
Fyshwick	M			21
Garran	M			2342
Griffith	M			3306
Hackett	M			2299
Harman	M			38
Holder	M	1978		
Hughes	M			2196
Hume	M			7
Isaacs	M			1948
Jerrabomberra	M			9
Kingston	M			2368
Kowen	M			26
Lyons	M			1873
Mawson	M			2205
Molonglo Valley - SSD	M			4
Narrabundah	M			4298
Oaks Estate	M			174
O'Malley	M			685
Parkes	M			3
Phillip	M			1558

Pialligo	M			95
Red Hill	M			2340
Reid	M			1139
Rivett	M	2383		
Russell	M			0
Stirling	M	1433		
Stromlo	M			5
Symonston	M			333
Waramanga	M	1825		
Watson	M			3733
Weston	M	2416		
Weston Creek - Stromlo - SSD	M			26
Yarralumla	M			2440
Total		81558	96689	77921
Quota		90412	90412	75344
Variation from quota		-9.79%	6.94%	3.42%

6 Members 6 Members 5 Members
Brindabella Ginninderra Molonglo

Projected enrolments 20 Oct 2012		5 Member	6 Member	7 Member
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Not less than 90% of quota		67809	81371	94933
Not less than 95% of quota		71576	85892	100207
Quota		75344	90412	105481
Not more than 105% of quota		79111	94933	110755
Not more than 110% of quota		82878	99453	116029