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Help shape ACT electorate boundaries for the 2028 election

The Redistribution Committee (the Committee) for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) is undertaking a redistribution of ACT Legislative Assembly electorates in preparation for the 2028 election. The Committee is inviting members of the community, organisations, political parties and other interested stakeholders to have their say.

This guide explains:

- why a redistribution is taking place;
- how the process works;
- what the Committee must consider;
- how to participate;
- how to make a submission; and
- where to find further information.

What is an electoral redistribution?

An electoral redistribution is a redrawing of electoral boundaries which aims to ensure that, as nearly as practicable, each ACT electorate receives representation in the ACT Legislative Assembly that is proportionate to its voting population.

As Canberra grows and changes, some parts of the Territory gain population more quickly than others. Over time, this can lead to differences in the number of electors represented by Members in different electorates.

Redistributions help maintain fair representation by reviewing electorate boundaries and, where necessary, adjusting them to reflect changes in enrolment patterns and population growth.

Why is a redistribution taking place?

The *Electoral Act 1992* requires a redistribution of ACT Legislative Assembly electorates to commence as soon as practicable 25 months before the next ACT election.

The next ACT Legislative Assembly election is due on 21 October 2028. As a result, a redistribution of electorate boundaries must now occur.

How many electorates are there?

The ACT is divided into five electorates.

Five Members are elected from each electorate, resulting in a 25-member Legislative Assembly.

The current electorates are:

- **Brindabella**, a five-Member electorate comprising the district of Tuggeranong and the districts of Booth, Cotter River, Paddy's River, Rendezvous Creek, Tennent and Mount Clear;

- **Ginninderra**, a five-Member electorate comprising the district of Belconnen (excluding the suburbs of Giralang and Kaleen);

- **Kurrajong**, a five-Member electorate comprising the district of Canberra Central (excluding the suburbs of Deakin, Forrest, Red Hill and Yarralumla), and the districts of Jerrabomberra (including the entire suburb of Hume), Kowen and Majura;

- **Murrumbidgee**, a five-Member electorate comprising the districts of Molonglo Valley, Weston Creek, Woden Valley, Coree (including the village of Uriarra) and Stromlo, and the Canberra Central suburbs of Deakin, Forrest, Red Hill and Yarralumla; and

- **Yerrabi**, a five-Member electorate comprising the districts of Gungahlin and Hall and the Belconnen District suburbs of Giralang and Kaleen.

What does the Redistribution Committee consider?

The Redistribution Committee cannot simply redraw boundaries based on local preferences or existing communities. The Committee must work within requirements set out in the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*.

In broad terms, the Committee must ensure that each electorate contains a similar number of electors, both at the time the redistribution is completed and, as far as practicable, at the time of the next ACT election. This helps ensure that each elector's vote carries broadly equal weight across the Territory.

To achieve this, the Committee must ensure that:

- immediately after the redistribution, the number of electors in each electorate is between 90% and 110% of the electoral quota; and

- as far as practicable, the number of electors in each electorate at the time of the 2028 ACT election is expected to be between 95% and 105% of the projected electoral quota.

As at 31 August 2026, the quota is 64,631 electors. The projected quota for the 2028 election is 66,809 electors.

When developing proposed boundaries, the Committee must balance these enrolment requirements with a range of other factors, including:

- the communities of interest within a proposed electorate, including economic, social and regional interests;

- communication and transport links within a proposed electorate;

- physical features and the size of a proposed electorate;

- existing electorate boundaries; and

- district boundaries established under the *Districts Act 2002*.

The Committee must consider both current enrolment numbers and projected enrolment numbers at the time of the 2028 election. For this reason, electoral enrolment projections are prepared to

help assess whether proposed electorates are likely to continue meeting legislative requirements into the future.

No single factor determines where boundaries will be drawn. The Committee must weigh all of the legislative requirements and considerations when preparing its proposals.

How does the redistribution process work?

The redistribution process includes several opportunities for public participation.

Step 1: Suggestions

Individuals and organisations may lodge suggestions about electorate boundaries or electorate names.

Step 2: Comments

The suggestions received are published and members of the public may comment on them.

Step 3: Proposed redistribution

The Redistribution Committee considers all suggestions and comments before publishing a proposed redistribution.

Step 4: Objections

Members of the public may object to the proposed redistribution.

Step 5: Objections considered

The Augmented Electoral Commission considers all objections received.

Step 6: Second proposed redistribution

If required, the Augmented Electoral Commission publishes a second proposed redistribution.

Step 7: Further objections

Additional objections may be invited if substantial changes have been made.

Step 8: Final determination

The Augmented Electoral Commission makes a final determination of electorate boundaries and names.

How can I participate?

The ACT Electoral Commission has again made an online redistribution mapping tool available to assist with the lodgement of public suggestions on ACT electorate boundaries and electorate names.

The online redistribution mapping tool allows you to:

- develop your own proposed electorate boundaries;

- suggest new electorate names or retain existing names;
- check whether your proposal meets the legislative enrolment requirements; and
- lodge a submission directly with the Redistribution Committee.

The mapping tool is the primary way to participate in the redistribution process and has been designed to make it easier for individuals and organisations to develop and submit proposals.

Creating a submission

The mapping tool contains three sections:

Electorate names

You may:

- propose new names for all electorates;
- propose new names for selected electorates only; or
- make a submission without proposing any changes to electorate names.

Electorate boundaries

The interactive map allows you to create your own proposed electoral boundaries by allocating ACT localities to electorates.

As you work, the tool displays information about current and projected enrolment levels, helping you understand how your proposal compares with the legislative requirements.

The tool also provides visual indicators showing whether each proposed electorate falls within the statutory enrolment ranges required by law.

This enables you to develop proposals that satisfy the enrolment requirements set out in the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*.

Submission details

You can provide supporting information explaining your proposal, including the reasons for any suggested boundary or electorate name changes.

You may:

- enter a written description directly into the tool; and/or
- upload supporting documents.

Save your work and return later

You do not need to complete your proposal in a single session.

The mapping tool allows you to save draft submissions and return to them later, as long as you lodge it before the cut-off date. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Before you submit

The Committee encourages participants to consider whether their proposal:

- meets the legislative enrolment requirements;
- reflects communities of interest;
- takes account of communication and transport links;
- recognises relevant geographic features; and
- clearly explains the reasons for any proposed changes.

While proposals that do not meet the enrolment requirements can still be submitted, the Redistribution Committee cannot ultimately recommend electorate boundaries that do not comply with the law.

Other ways to make a submission

You are not required to use the mapping tool.

Written suggestions and comments may also be lodged in person, by email or by post.

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What happens after I submit?

The redistribution process is a public process. To ensure transparency, submissions received by the Redistribution Committee are published on the ACT Electoral Commission website and may be considered by other participants when preparing comments and objections.

When submissions are published, the **First name**, **Last name** and **Organisation** details provided as part of your submission will be published alongside your proposal. Submitters should therefore assume that these details, together with the contents of their submission, will become publicly available.

Any other personal details, such as email address and phone number will not be published.

What makes a useful submission?

You do not need technical expertise to make a valuable submission.

The Committee welcomes submissions that identify local communities, shared interests, geographic features, transport links or other considerations that may assist the Committee in its deliberations.

While submitters are not required to address each of these legislative criteria, submissions may be more useful where they:

- explain the reasons for any proposed boundary changes;
- explain the reasons for any proposed electorate name changes;
- identify communities that should remain together;
- identify communities that may be more appropriately grouped elsewhere; and
- clearly identify the areas affected.

The Committee will consider all suggestions against the statutory requirements set out in the *Electoral Act 1992*.

Key dates

Activity	Date
Public suggestions open	Tuesday, 6 October 2026
Suggestions close	Tuesday, 3 November 2026
Public suggestions published	Wednesday, 4 November 2026
Public comment on suggestions opens	Wednesday, 4 November 2026
Comments close	Tuesday, 17 November 2026
Redistribution committee publishes its proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries	As soon as practicable after considering the public suggestions and comments.

Further dates relating to objections and later stages of the redistribution process will be published on the ACT Electoral Commission website.

Frequently asked questions

Can I suggest changes to electorate names?

Yes. The Committee may consider suggestions relating to electorate names as well as electorate boundaries.

Do I need to use the mapping tool?

No. While the mapping tool provides a convenient way to prepare and submit proposals, written submissions may also be provided directly to the Committee.

Do I need to understand enrolment statistics?

No. You do not need to undertake detailed enrolment analysis to participate. The mapping tool is designed to provide visual guidance as to whether your proposal meets statutory requirements.

However, information about current and projected enrolment figures is available for those who wish to prepare detailed proposals.

Can organisations make submissions?

Yes. Community organisations, advocacy groups, political parties, businesses and government agencies may all make submissions.

How are future enrolment numbers estimated?

The Electoral Act requires the Committee to consider both current and expected enrolment levels.

To assist this process, enrolment projections are prepared using demographic and population projections developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other relevant data sources. Detailed information is available in the separate Current and Projected Electoral Enrolment Statistics and Methodology file available from the Elections ACT website.

Are submissions public?

Yes. Redistributions are public processes and submissions received by the Committee are published on the ACT Electoral Commission website.

Further information

For the latest information about the redistribution, including key dates, published submissions, maps and supporting materials, visit the ACT Electoral Commission website www.elections.act.gov.au.

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