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We refer to the current review of electoral boundaries in the ACT and have one, logical request - Gungahlin and Belconnen have to be in the one Electorate. Anything different is so unrepresentative and so unfair to residents as to be bordering on criminally stupid.

We in the northern area of the ACT have different needs and priorities to constituents in other areas, and those other areas have their own needs and priorities. To be effective representatives, elected members need to be able to focus their priorities in a clear single area, and that isn't possible with a different configuration of the boundaries, and it's not possible with the totally artificial and disjointed configuration proposed or one with an elongated shape that cuts across different, identifiable communities groupings.

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