

ACT Legislative Assembly Electoral Boundaries Redistribution 2003

Guidelines for submissions

**Current and projected
electoral enrolment
statistics**

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Public Suggestions and Comments

Members of the public, political parties and other organisations are invited to make suggestions to the Redistribution Committee for the Australian Capital Territory on proposed electoral boundaries for ACT Legislative Assembly elections. Comments are also invited on these public suggestions.

Guidelines for Public Submissions

The Redistribution Committee formally invited public suggestions on **8 May 2003**. Written suggestions relating to the redistribution of the ACT Legislative Assembly electorates must be lodged with the Redistribution Committee on or before **5 June 2003**.

Suggestions should be lodged with the Redistribution Committee at:

ACT Electoral Commission

Plaza Level, Allara House, 48-56 Allara St, CANBERRA ACT 2601

Postal Address: PO Box 272, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608

Phone: (02) 6205 0033, Fax: (02) 6205 0382

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Copies of all suggestions received by the Committee will be available for public inspection at this office from **6 June 2003**. Written comments relating to any suggestions must be lodged by **19 June 2003**.

It is important to note that these deadlines are set by legislation, and accordingly late submissions will not be accepted.

More Information

The ACT Electoral Commission is making available electoral enrolment information for use by interested persons and organisations. Statistics relating to current enrolment and projected enrolment at the time of the next election are at the end of this booklet, are available on disc, and may be downloaded from the Commission's internet site.

Any other information related to the redistribution can be obtained from the ACT Electoral Commission at the above address or from the Commission's website at **www.elections.act.gov.au**

General Information

Why is a Redistribution Taking Place?

The *Electoral Act 1992* provides that a redistribution of electorates for the ACT Legislative Assembly must begin as soon as practicable after 30 April 2003.

Who is on the Redistribution Committee?

The Redistribution Committee consists of the ACT Electoral Commissioner (Mr Phillip Green), the ACT Planning Authority (Mr Lincoln Hawkins), the Commissioner for Surveys (Mr David Dobson) and the Regional Director, ACT Office, Australian Bureau of Statistics (Ms Tracy Stewart). The Committee has the task of producing a proposed set of boundaries and names for electorates for the ACT Legislative Assembly and determining the number of members of the Legislative Assembly to be elected from each electorate.

The Redistribution Process

The redistribution is carried out in accordance with the Electoral Act with several opportunities for public participation throughout the process.

Step 1 - Public Suggestions

Before the Redistribution Committee makes its proposal, any interested persons or organisations who wish to make suggestions regarding the redistribution are given 28 days to forward suggestions in writing to the Redistribution Committee. The Committee formally invited public suggestions on 8 May 2003. Suggestions must be received by 5 June 2003.

Step 2 - Comments on the Public Suggestions

The public suggestions will be made available for public inspection from 6 June 2003 at the office of the ACT Electoral Commission and from the Commission's website. Any comments on the suggestions must be lodged in writing within 14 days. The closing date for comments is 19 June 2003.

Step 3 - The First Proposed Redistribution

The Redistribution Committee considers the public suggestions and comments before making the proposed redistribution. Maps showing the proposed boundaries and names of the electorates will be published in a newspaper and exhibited at the office of the ACT Electoral Commission and on the Commission's website. The Committee expects to publish its proposal in mid July 2003.

Step 4 - Objections to the Proposed Redistribution

Following the publication of the first proposed redistribution there will be 28 days within which initial objections to the proposed redistribution may be lodged by members of the public or organisations.

Step 5 - Objections Considered by the Augmented Electoral Commission

The objections are considered by the augmented Electoral Commission. The augmented Electoral Commission comprises the Chairperson of the ACT Electoral Commission (Mr Graham Glenn) and the other member of the Commission (Dr Christabel Young), sitting together with the members of the Redistribution Committee. The augmented Electoral Commission may hold public hearings into objections.

Step 6 - The Second Proposed Redistribution

After it has considered all the initial objections lodged, the augmented Electoral Commission makes a second proposed redistribution. If this second proposal is not significantly different from the first proposal, the second set of proposed boundaries will become the final boundaries for the ACT.

Step 7 - Further Objections

If the second proposal is significantly different from the proposal made by the Redistribution Committee, the augmented Electoral Commission will invite further objections from members of the public or organisations. Further objections must be lodged within 28 days.

Step 8 - Final Determination

The augmented Electoral Commission will then consider any further objections. The augmented Electoral Commission may again hold public hearings into objections. Following its consideration of all objections, it will make a final determination of boundaries and names of electorates for the ACT.

Legal Requirements for a Redistribution

In making its proposed distribution, the Redistribution Committee is bound by section 36 of the Electoral Act and section 67D of the Commonwealth *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*.

The Electoral Act provides that the Territory must be divided into three separate electorates with seven members of the Legislative Assembly to be elected from one electorate and five members of the Legislative Assembly to be elected from each of the other two electorates.

The Self-Government Act sets out the following formula for calculating a quota:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Territory electors} \times \text{Number of electorate members}}{\text{Number of Territory members}}$$

In summary, the Electoral Act and the Self-Government Act provide that the Redistribution Committee and the augmented Electoral Commission shall -

- (a) ensure that the number of electors in an electorate immediately after the redistribution is within the range of not greater than 110%, or less than 90% of the quota;

- (b) endeavour to ensure, as far as practicable, that the number of electors in an electorate at the time of the next general election of members of the Legislative Assembly will not be greater than 105%, or less than 95%, of the expected quota for the electorate at that time; and
- (c) duly consider -
 - (i) the community of interests within each proposed electorate, including economic, social and regional interests;
 - (ii) the means of communication and travel within each proposed electorate;
 - (iii) the physical features and area of each proposed electorate;
 - (iv) the boundaries of existing electorates; and
 - (v) the boundaries of divisions and sections fixed under the *Districts Act 1966*.

Current and Projected Electoral Enrolment Statistics

The following statistics have been compiled for the 2003 redistribution of ACT electoral boundaries in preparation for the 2004 election for the ACT Legislative Assembly. The statistics are shown for ACT suburbs (Statistical Local Areas or SLAs) in alphabetical order (in Table 1), and also according to the existing electoral boundaries for the ACT Assembly (in Tables 2 to 4).

The projections are derived from population projections and from electoral enrolments.

The population projections were calculated using Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) projections relating to Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) as applied at the 2001 Population Census.

The SLA projections also incorporate information gained from forecasts of new occupied dwellings as provided by the ACT Government. This data takes into account the growth of Canberra's population due to expected developments between April 2003 and October 2004.

The enrolment information was supplied by the Australian Electoral Commission and applied to the 2001 SLAs. The enrolment information used in the projections was current as at 2 April 2003.

The compilation of these projections was undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as a consultancy project for the ACT Electoral Commission.

Methodology for the Projections

The general technique employed for the projections was the cohort-component method, widely accepted as the most accurate age/sex population projection method. It involves applying fertility and mortality rates and migration levels to the base population to produce a projected population, which in turn becomes the base for projecting further years.

A three-tiered approach was taken to the process of calculating the projected enrolments.

1. The ACT population was projected by age and sex from June 2002 to June 2005.
2. The populations of all ACT SLAs were projected by age and sex and constrained to the total at 1.
3. Actual enrolments as at 2 April 2003 were used to calibrate the SLA population projections, resulting in projected enrolments as at 16 October 2004.

1. Projections of the Total Population of the ACT

The base population for the ACT cohort-component projections was the ABS 30 June 2002 Estimated Resident Population. This incorporated results from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

The assumptions for fertility and mortality were from *Population Projections 1999 to 2101* (ABS Cat. No. 3222.0). While the fertility assumption was irrelevant for short-term projections of persons aged 18 and over, the mortality assumption was adjusted to reflect more recent years' observed death levels. The migration assumptions were provided by the ACT Government and are shown below:

	Net Overseas Migration	Net Interstate Migration
2002/2005 (per annum)	0	326

2. Projections of the Populations of the SLAs (Suburbs)

The base population for the SLA cohort-component projections was the final 30 June 2001 SLA age/sex Estimated Resident Population. The fertility, mortality and migration assumptions were based on an assessment of SLA-specific levels and trends observed since the mid-1990s. At each yearly cycle in this process, the SLA projections were constrained to sum to the total ACT projection, helping to produce more reliable SLA results.

In addition to trend analysis, the SLA net migration assumptions incorporated forecasts of new occupied dwellings as provided by the ACT Government. Furthermore, the 2001/2002 SLA migration assumptions used recently published June 2002 preliminary SLA Estimated Resident Population totals. Final scaling was conducted to ensure the SLA migration summed to the assumed total ACT levels.

The age/sex distribution for the migration assumptions were based on overseas and inter-regional migration rates used in the calculation of published ABS SLA age/sex population estimates, which were originally derived from 1996 Population Census migration data.

The SLA projection results were collapsed into the age group 18 years or more and these were then interpolated to give results as at 2 April 2003 and 16 October 2004.

3. Projected Enrolments in SLAs

SLA projected population 18 years or more as at 2 April 2003 was subtracted from the 16 October 2004 SLA projected population of 18 years or more to give the estimated population growth or decline in each SLA. This was then added to the electoral roll data of 2 April 2003 to give an estimate of the projected enrolments by SLA at 16 October 2004.

Disclaimer

Any population projections are subject to some degree of uncertainty because it is impossible to exactly predict future trends, particularly the future level of migration. Projection of the population of small areas is especially hazardous. However, care has been taken to produce the best possible projections from the data currently available.

It is important to recognise that the projection results given in this document essentially reflect the assumptions made about future fertility, mortality and migration trends. While the assumptions are formulated on the basis of an objective assessment of demographic trends over the past decade and their likely future dynamics, there can be no certainty that they will be realised.

While ABS takes responsibility for the methodology employed, in accordance with ABS policy regarding small area population projections the assumptions used are the final responsibility of the client, and the projections are not official ABS population statistics.

The projections may be referred to as “...projections prepared by the ABS according to assumptions reflecting prevailing trends and anticipated new dwelling occupancies agreed to by the ACT Electoral Commission...”.

No liability will be accepted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for any damages arising from decisions or actions based upon this population projection consultancy service.

Table I: Australian Capital Territory

Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Acton	326	326	0.00%
Ainslie	3426	3416	-0.29%
Amaroo	2574	2791	8.43%
Aranda	1814	1791	-1.27%
Banks	2282	2309	1.18%
Barton	281	281	0.00%
Belconnen Town Centre	1740	1903	9.37%
Belconnen - SSD Balance	0	0	
Bonython	2232	2281	2.20%
Braddon	1930	2626	36.06%
Bruce	1675	1811	8.12%
Calwell	3905	3923	0.46%
Campbell/Duntroon	3573	3601	0.78%
Chapman	2223	2199	-1.08%
Charnwood	2097	2089	-0.38%
Chifley	1674	1670	-0.24%
Chisholm	3607	3583	-0.67%
City	207	709	242.51%
Conder	2884	3077	6.69%
Cook	2158	2124	-1.58%
Curtin	3845	3825	-0.52%
Deakin	1972	2082	5.58%
Dickson	1358	1414	4.12%
Downer	2382	2393	0.46%
Duffy	2354	2292	-2.63%
Dunlop	2193	2546	16.10%
Evatt	4100	4111	0.27%
Fadden	2390	2379	-0.46%
Farrer	2556	2580	0.94%
Fisher	2337	2327	-0.43%
Florey	3604	3611	0.19%
Flynn	2673	2651	-0.82%
Forrest	860	906	5.35%
Fraser	1639	1579	-3.66%
Fyshwick	19	19	0.00%
Garran	2130	2163	1.55%
Gilmore	1829	1848	1.04%
Giralang	2570	2536	-1.32%
Gordon	4744	4835	1.92%
Gowrie	2246	2267	0.93%
Greenway	720	872	21.11%
Griffith	2885	2924	1.35%
Gungahlin - Balance	229	1544	574.24%
Hackett	2240	2211	-1.29%
Hall	250	250	0.00%
Harman	72	72	0.00%
Hawker	2277	2248	-1.27%
Higgins	2267	2228	-1.72%
Holder	2077	2038	-1.88%
Holt	3505	3432	-2.08%

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Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Hughes	2142	2119	-1.07%
Hume	15	15	0.00%
Isaacs	1879	1901	1.17%
Isabella Plains	2731	2721	-0.37%
Jerrabomberra	0	0	
Kaleen	5735	5736	0.02%
Kambah	11987	11869	-0.98%
Kingston	1411	1769	25.37%
Kowen	20	20	0.00%
Latham	2719	2689	-1.10%
Lyneham	3054	3053	-0.03%
Lyons	1751	1709	-2.40%
McKellar	1899	1972	3.84%
Macarthur	1058	1081	2.17%
Macgregor	2650	2663	0.49%
Macquarie	1700	1690	-0.59%
Majura	0	0	
Mawson	2102	2077	-1.19%
Melba	2497	2464	-1.32%
Mitchell	2	2	0.00%
Monash	3988	3993	0.13%
Narrabundah	3956	3917	-0.99%
Ngunnawal	5906	5928	0.37%
Nicholls	4044	4227	4.53%
Oaks Estate	188	188	0.00%
O'Connor	3432	3463	0.90%
O'Malley	597	704	17.92%
Oxley	1235	1239	0.32%
Page	1951	1933	-0.92%
Palmerston	3788	3798	0.26%
Parkes	5	5	0.00%
Pearce	1852	1833	-1.03%
Phillip	1345	1376	2.30%
Pialligo	200	200	0.00%
Red Hill	2181	2243	2.84%
Reid	1112	1113	0.09%
Richardson	2174	2198	1.10%
Rivett	2374	2360	-0.59%
Russell	0	0	
Scullin	2118	2089	-1.37%
Spence	1951	1910	-2.10%
Stirling	1586	1567	-1.20%
Stromlo	90	90	0.00%
Symonston	277	277	0.00%
Theodore	2513	2510	-0.12%
Torrens	1617	1606	-0.68%
Tuggeranong - SSD Balance	19	19	0.00%
Turner	1315	1615	22.81%
Wanniassa	6014	5979	-0.58%
Waramanga	1969	1930	-1.98%
Watson	2637	2791	5.84%

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Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Weetangera	2042	2029	-0.64%
Weston	2520	2492	-1.11%
Weston Creek - SSD Balance	0	0	
Yarralumla	2281	2297	0.70%
Remainder of ACT	233	233	0.00%
Total	219793	224395	2.09%

Table 2: Brindabella

Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Banks	2282	2309	1.18%
Bonython	2232	2281	2.20%
Calwell	3905	3923	0.46%
Chifley	1674	1670	-0.24%
Chisholm	3607	3583	-0.67%
Conder	2884	3077	6.69%
Fadden	2390	2379	-0.46%
Gilmore	1829	1848	1.04%
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Macarthur	1058	1081	2.17%
Monash	3988	3993	0.13%
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Remainder of ACT	233	233	0.00%
Richardson	2174	2198	1.10%
Theodore	2513	2510	-0.12%
Torrens	1617	1606	-0.68%
Tuggeranong - SSD Balance	19	19	0.00%
Wanniassa	6014	5979	-0.58%
Total	63934	64325	0.61%
Quota	64645	65999	
Variation from quota	-1.10%	-2.54%	

Table 3: Ginninderra

Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Aranda	1814	1791	-1.27%
Belconnen - SSD Balance	0	0	
Belconnen Town Centre	1740	1903	9.37%
Bruce	1675	1811	8.12%
Charnwood	2097	2089	-0.38%
Cook	2158	2124	-1.58%
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Melba	2497	2464	-1.32%
Nicholls	4044	4227	4.53%
Page	1951	1933	-0.92%
Scullin	2118	2089	-1.37%
Spence	1951	1910	-2.10%
Weetangera	2042	2029	-0.64%
Total	63868	64312	0.70%
Quota	64645	65999	
Variation from quota	-1.20%	-2.56%	

Table 4: Molonglo

Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Acton	326	326	0.00%
Ainslie	3426	3416	-0.29%
Amaroo	2574	2791	8.43%
Barton	281	281	0.00%
Braddon	1930	2626	36.06%
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Hughes	2142	2119	-1.07%
Hume	15	15	0.00%
Isaacs	1879	1901	1.17%
Jerrabomberra	0	0	
Kingston	1411	1769	25.37%
Kowen	20	20	0.00%
Lyneham	3054	3053	-0.03%
Lyons	1751	1709	-2.40%
Majura	0	0	
Mawson	2102	2077	-1.19%
Mitchell	2	2	0.00%
Narrabundah	3956	3917	-0.99%
Ngunnawal	5906	5928	0.37%
Oaks Estate	188	188	0.00%
O'Connor	3432	3463	0.90%
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Red Hill	2181	2243	2.84%
Reid	1112	1113	0.09%
Rivett	2374	2360	-0.59%
Russell	0	0	
Stirling	1586	1567	-1.20%
Stromlo	90	90	0.00%
Symonston	277	277	0.00%

Table 4: Molonglo

Suburb	Actual persons enrolled 2 April 2003	Projected persons enrolled 16 October 2004	% change
Turner	1315	1615	22.81%
Waramanga	1969	1930	-1.98%
Watson	2637	2791	5.84%
Weston	2520	2492	-1.11%
Weston Creek - SSD Balance	0	0	
Yarralumla	2281	2297	0.70%
Total	91991	95758	4.09%
Quota	90503	92398	
Variation from quota	+1.64%	+3.64%	

Map of Current Boundaries

