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Dear Mr Beale

Attached is the Downer Community Association submission on the electorate change

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Convenor of Downer Community Association

Mr Roger Beale AO
Chairperson
ACT Electoral Commission

Dear Mr Beale

Re: New boundaries for the electorate of Molonglo

The Downer Community Association understands the requirement for examining electorate boundaries but we strongly objects to the proposed move of the suburbs of Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor from the electorate of Molonglo to Ginninderra.

This move appears to have no rationale except political expediency and strikes at the heart of the cohesion of North Canberra. North Canberra suburbs have been an "entity" since Canberra's inception and the time of the Walter Burley Griffin Plan.

We consider the integrity of North Canberra part of the electorate of Molonglo is threatened by such a move. This part of the electorate represents Canberra's historical core, especially in the older suburbs. In our opinion the community of interests of Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor best matches those of the electorate of Molonglo rather than those of Ginninderra. The proposed move is inconsistent with Canberra Plan that treats the 7km radius of the city centre as specific planning area that should be kept together.

We suggest the radical step of reducing the number of representatives in Molonglo needs further consideration.

The Downer Community Association would prefer a system where all electorates are treated equitably rather than adopt a boundaries that have no relevance to obvious geographic divisions of the territory.

Yours sincerely

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