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Sent: Friday, 5 August 2011 4:39 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Submission on ACT Electoral boundaries

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express concern about the proposal to shift the suburbs of Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner from the electorate of Molonglo into the electorate of Ginninderra.

Such a proposal seems to contradict many of the principles of the Electoral Act. These include community of interests such as economic and social interests; communication and travel; and physical features.

Clearly Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner have a strong historic, social, institutional and demographic relationship with the other inner northern suburbs as well as a number of shared values and concerns. Belconnen, on the other hand, is geographically separated from us by kilometres of bushland and many litres of petrol. It does not form part of the same natural community in any social, demographic or economic sense.

I am also concerned that the proposed move will diminish the representation of local knowledge, understandings and issues at the political level by cutting across natural alliances with like-minded citizens and disrupting an established community with a strong historic and contemporary social identity.

The first report recognised these problems and I endorse the original proposal by the Redistribution Committee.

I strongly urge rejection of the recommendations of the second report by the Augmented Commission.

Yours faithfully

(Dr) Colin Pardoe