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Re: The proposed changes to the ACT Legislative Assembly electoral boundaries for the 2008 election.

Dear Mr Green,

Having given consideration to the decision made in relation to reconfiguring the ACT Legislative Assembly electoral boundaries for the 2008 election; I would like to lodge an objection to the Redistribution Committee's proposal.

I believe that the proposed redistribution further fragments the Gungahlin community and disadvantaged a community that has been politically neglected for a considerable amount of time. The Redistribution Committee's proposal has failed to comprehensively explore viable alternatives relating to ACT electoral boundaries; and failed to appreciate the disadvantage, of being split over two electorates, for Gungahlin as a community of common interest. The proposal endorses an option that compounds the electoral disadvantage existing for Gungahlin voters and further fragmented our voting powers.

I believe that any system which perpetuates disadvantage to a section of the community is fundamentally flawed and requires amendment. I strongly recommend that the Redistribution Committee reconsider their proposal. I further recommend that the committee develops processes to ensure that changes are made to legislation, to prevent reoccurrence of this issue.

Yours sincerely

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