

From: Kristen Krippner
Sent: Tuesday, 26 July 2011 9:03 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Objection to proposed redistribution

Dear Sir/Madam,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these proposed electoral redistribution in the ACT

We write to object to the proposed removal of Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor from the Molonglo electorate.

Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor have very little in common with suburbs in Belconnen or Gungahlin but much more so with other inner city suburbs which remain in Molonglo. This is evident whether it relates to dwelling types, development pressures, demographics, amenities and lifestyles.

Given the constant pressures from redevelopment in Inner North Suburbs placing Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor in the same electorate as Belconnen and Gungahlin will really fragment the voice of Inner North residents living in these electorates as we will be a very small minority in the enlarged electorate of Ginninderra.

Whilst there are no easy solutions to maintaining the equality of size in the three electorates the highest priority must be placed on keeping suburbs with similar characteristics together, or as close as possible. Signalling out several older suburbs to combine with the ACT's fastest growing area is a significant loss of representation for the older suburbs. Contrast this to the closer relationship between Belconnen and the older suburbs of Gungahlin, similar style of dwellings and closer demographics.

The issues arising from ever increasing densities and redevelopment in the Inner North are not at all compatible with the needs for fast growing new areas in Gungahlin where service provision is a high priority for the much younger demographic.

We urge the Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed removal of Turner, Lyneham and O'Connor from the Molonglo electorate.

Regards,

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