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To: Elections
Subject: Electoral boundaries redistribution

Good afternoon

I write to express my deep concern regarding the proposed electoral boundaries redistribution that would see my local community of the Inner North divided across different electorates.

I identify strongly as a community member of the Inner North. I have lived at various addresses in the Inner North over a 20-year period, including in my current home in Lyneham for over 10 years. I feel a great sense of connectedness and belonging to my local community; most of my friends live in the Inner North, most of the amenities I use are in the Inner North, and there is a strong sense of cohesion in our community.

Under the current proposal, there would be a disconnect between the local services I access and where I live; my local shops, post office, library and swimming pool, which are all just a few minutes walk away from home, would be in a different electorate. But most importantly, the shared interests, issues and priorities of the Inner North community would be divided.

While I sympathise with the desire of Gungahlin residents to be part of a common electorate, I feel that this shouldn't come at the expense of splitting an already well-established community. As Gungahlin is such a fast-growing and expanding region, I imagine that in the redistribution for the election after next, Gungahlin may be sufficiently populated to be transferred in its entirety to Ginninderra, in which case Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner could very well be returned to Molonglo, posing another significant disruption for residents in these suburbs and the wider Inner North community.

I implore the Commission to reconsider the current proposal and keep the Inner North community together and not divide us across different electorates.

Kind regards
Maryanne McKay