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To: Elections
Cc: Vilaisan Campbell
Subject: Objection to Redistribution Committee proposal

We wish to express our objection to change the ACT electoral boundaries as proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

In particular we are concerned by the proposal to divide the current inner north suburbs which would see Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner split from the other inner north suburbs to form a new electorate with Belconnen and Gunghalin.

Both my partner and myself have lived in the suburb of Watson in the inner north for over a decade. I (David) have also lived for number of years in Lyneham where I owned a flat and was an active participant in the 'Save the Ridge' campaign during the 1990's. We are currently members of the Watson Community Association and follow closely community issues that affect the inner north.

What is demonstrably clear is that there are strong areas of common interest and concern in the inner north; current examples are the wetlands ponds being created in Lyneham, O'Connor and Dickson and the concerns over infill planning and the impact on social amenity of commuter traffic emanating from Gunghalin and Belconnen.

As such, we would like to see the ACT Electoral Commission revert to its original option which moved the Gunghalin suburbs of Grace and Palmerston into Ginninderra and left the inner north intact within the electorate of Molonglo.

David Turbayne and Vilaisan Campbell