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Dear Sir

I am appalled at the suggestion that the Inner North should be divided as an electorate. The Inner North is a community of people. The electoral act states communities should not be divided by electoral boundaries. I believe this is designed to minimize the impact, and silence the voice of this community. I lived in a rural community in the 1980s where despite have three counselors on the local council, and the alternative community, comprising one third of the population, we were denied a seat, and a voice, by always holding elections separately.

Please reconsider this boundary, the Inner North is a unique part of Canberra, as are all inner areas in cities. It holds a disproportional number of academics, students, and alternative lifestyle people. Give all parts of our Canberra community a voice.

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