Hello

I note from an article in the RiotAct that it is proposed to leave Giralang and Kaleen in the Yerrabi electorate, and that the committee understood that Giralang and Kaleen are more part of the Belconnen district, they would be better represented by Ginninderra members but it was "largely powerless" within the legislation to make change without creating similar issues elsewhere.

So, Kaleen and Giralang are to be left with no representation for another four years because the committee don't want to subject other suburbs to same lack of representation that the rate payers of Giralang and Kaleen receive from the Yerrabi MLAs. I have spoken to most of these MLAs and the overwhelming impression is that they have no idea where Kaleen and Giralang are and don't care.

If there is no option but to split the Belconnen electoral district, then the commission should be sharing the lack of representation around. Kaleen and Giralang do not deserve the ongoing neglect that we are seeing from the ACT Government and our so-called elected representatives. The western growth areas of Belconnen have more in common with Gungahlin than the older suburbs of Giralang and Kaleen who need urban renewal.

Continuing to excise Giralang and Kaleen from the rest of Belconnen erodes our democratic rights.

Pathetic and incompetent.

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