Electoral boundary redistributions is something that as a Gungahlin resident I would like to express my opposition to help stop further splitting of Gungahlin suburbs into a second ACT electorate.

Currently all of Gungahlin is in the Molonglo electorate except Nicholls, which is in Ginninderra. The ACT Electoral Commission is proposing that Palmerston and Crace are also carved off into Ginninderra. They've also failed to address the long-standing problem of the Molonglo electorate sprawling from almost Tuggeranong to the northern ACT border, leaving us in the north represented by MLAs some of whom we seldom ever see.

The legislation requires the Electoral Commission to "duly consider:

- the community of interests within each proposed electorate, including economic, social and regional interests
- the means of communication and travel within each proposed electorate
- the physical features and area of each proposed electorate
- the boundaries of existing electorates, and
- the boundaries of divisions and sections fixed under the Districts Act 2002."

Our argument is that for too long, they've paid attention to the last two of these points, to the exclusion of the first three points – to the detriment of good representation for the Gungahlin community.

GCC has proposed that all of Belconnen and Gungahlin are combined into one seven-member electorate. The electorates would then essentially be Ginninderra with seven members across the north, Molonglo with five members across the central areas, and Brindabella with five members covering the south and Weston Creek. This would also set the electorates up to cater for future growth with minimal further changes.

We fully support the Gungahlin Community Councils view above on this matter opposing any further splitting of the Gungahlin electorate.

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