



# Objection 73

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ACT Federal Redistribution. I fully support increased representation for ACT citizens in our Federal Parliament with the return of a third seat. And note the ongoing under-representation of ACT residents' voices in our Federal Parliament that remains to be addressed even after the proposed third seat.

I am concerned that the proposed name of 'Bean', honouring Charles Bean, has the potential to be divisive in our community up to and including at a national level. As such I would like to respectfully suggest another name is considered.

My concern takes account of - and acknowledges - Mr Bean's significant community service and also the oral history handed down in my family of Mrs Bean being a kind employer of her domestic servants at their home in Sydney but also that we are seeing antisemitism in many parts of the world. In naming something as important as a Federal Seat, I believe every opportunity to enable and further a cohesive community should be taken.

I also support community involvement in providing additional names to be considered, if more than those already publicly provided are required. At the very least a public invitation with a community awareness campaign to provide additional names for consideration would be welcomed.

Thank you for considering the potentially divisive nature of the proposed name 'Bean'.

Yours sincerely

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