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# Wyndham-Kidd, Josh - Redistribution ACT - Submission on the proposed ACT redistribution

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## Submission on the proposed ACT redistribution details

**Category:** Boundaries

**Details:**

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your proposed redistribution. It is fantastic to see the three ACT electorates evolving to respond to Canberra's growth and the shifts in population across the city. Swapping the northern suburbs of the Woden district for the growing Molonglo district makes the southern boundary both more compact and less likely to need major revision in future.

I'd like to suggest a small change: retaining Macquarie in the electorate of Canberra, and retaining Crace in the electorate of Fenner.

These two suburbs have similar populations both as at 2025 and in the projections for 2030. The swap would change the current and expected populations of both electorates by fewer than 800 voters.

Cook and Macquarie have very close communities of interest and transport, road, school and commercial connections. The other boundaries south of the lake and in the Belconnen district are all major arterial roads that also mark clear delineations between suburbs of different built characters, but Cook and Macquarie are very similar and closely connected suburbs separated only by a suburban street. It makes sense to keep them together in the same electorate.

Under the current proposal, Crace is the only residential suburb in the Gungahlin district not included in the electorate of Fenner. All other

residential suburbs in Gungahlin are contained in the ACT Legislative Assembly electorate of Yerrabi. It is closely linked to Palmerston and its closest district centre by road is Gungahlin. Like many suburbs, it has radial public transport links to Canberra City; this does not by itself create a close community of interest. It is separated from the rest of the electorate of Canberra by the Barton Highway; it has no easily walkable links to the rest of the seat.

Retaining Crace and Macquarie in their existing electorates keeps them connected with suburbs and communities they have much closer links to; it maintains the use of arterial roads as clear boundaries that has been followed in the rest of the proposal; and it reduces elector movement slightly.

Mitchell and Kenny are not projected to have any change in enrolled population between now and 2030, and could sit in either Canberra (for compactness) or Fenner (for completeness of the Gungahlin district and to accommodate population changes post-2030) if my suggested change was adopted.

Thank you for your consideration of all suggestions and I look forward to reading the next proposal.

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