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Submission on the proposed ACT redistribution details

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Details: I am writing about the proposed redistribution of the area known as Stromlo Forestry Settlement, comprising three streets in the suburb of Duffy, these being Settlement Drive, Dolly McGrath Street and Forestry Street, from the federal seat of Bean to the federal seat of Canberra.

I live in [REDACTED] Duffy. I am opposed to Stromlo Forestry Settlement being moved from Bean to Canberra.

Stromlo Forestry Settlement is part of Duffy and, as the proposed redistribution map clearly shows is part of the District of Weston Creek. Although we are geographically close to Molonglo Valley, which would also move to the Seat of Canberra, our immediate area is tied to Weston Creek, not Molonglo Valley. Notably, our school priority enrolment area sees school students from our area having priority enrolment in Duffy Primary School and Mount Stromlo High School rather than schools in the Molonglo Valley. Our family makes use of community and other facilities in Weston Creek way more than those in Molonglo Valley & regard ourselves rightly as part of Weston Creek.

Under this proposal, every other street in the suburb of Duffy and in the district of Weston Creek would stay in Bean. It is very unlikely therefore that any federal member for the seat of Canberra would take any interest in Duffy or Weston Creek, leaving such issues to the federal member for Bean. Although such issues are a relatively small part of the work of a

federal MP, our current federal member rightly often highlights facilities and improvements in Weston Creek and other parts of Bean to which the federal government has contributed.

Were Stromlo Forestry Settlement to be moved to the Seat of Canberra, we would be somewhat disenfranchised in that we would not have a federal MP who could make representation to the federal government on federal government contributions to facilities in our immediate area of Weston Creek. We would not be constituents of the MP for Bean who would retain responsibility for almost all of Weston Creek. This means that people in Stromlo Forestry Settlement in Duffy would effectively get no say in or representation of our views on federal government contributions to and priorities for our local area.

Additionally, we would likely no longer be able to vote in Federal elections at our local Duffy Primary school, as this would be outside our electorate.

I therefore ask that consideration be given to the area known as Stromlo Forestry Settlement, comprising Settlement Drive, Dolly McGrath Street and Forestry Street, remain in the seat of Bean.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
