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Comment on ACT Redistribution Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I write to provide feedback on the Electoral Commission's proposal for the ACT's electoral boundary redistribution.

Before beginning, I'd like to acknowledge that I have used a redistribution tool to assist in this comment, accessed through this link: https://auredistribution.com/fed_act_2025.html. All credit goes to Jaxen Wood for the tool.

I have also borrowed images from the AEC proposal to provide these comments.

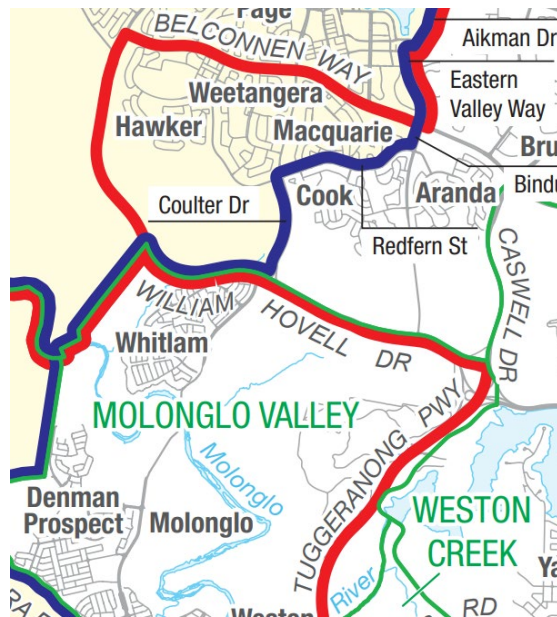
DISCLAIMER: I am an Australian Citizen. I also wish for my name to be kept anonymous.

I am pleased that my original suggestion of placing Norfolk Island in Canberra was implemented. The link to Canberra International Airport is too significant to ignore, and provides for a more cohesive connection (well, as cohesive as a non-contiguous division can be).

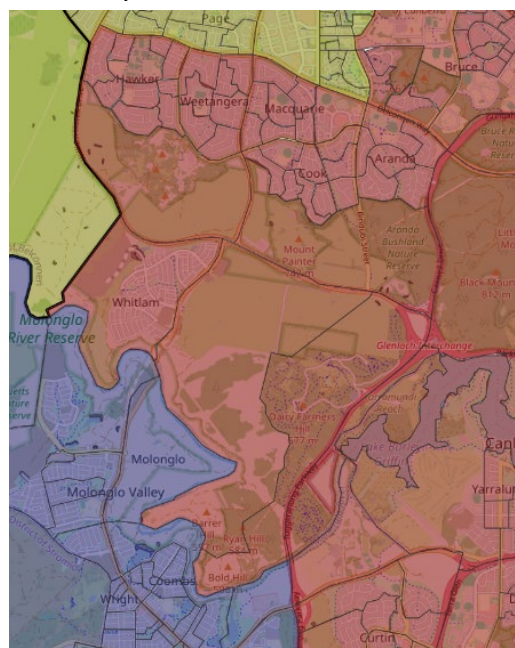
I am also pleased that my suggestion of putting the high growth suburb of Whitlam into Canberra from Bean was implemented.

However, some of the boundary choices for divisions within the contiguous ACT are questionable to say the least:

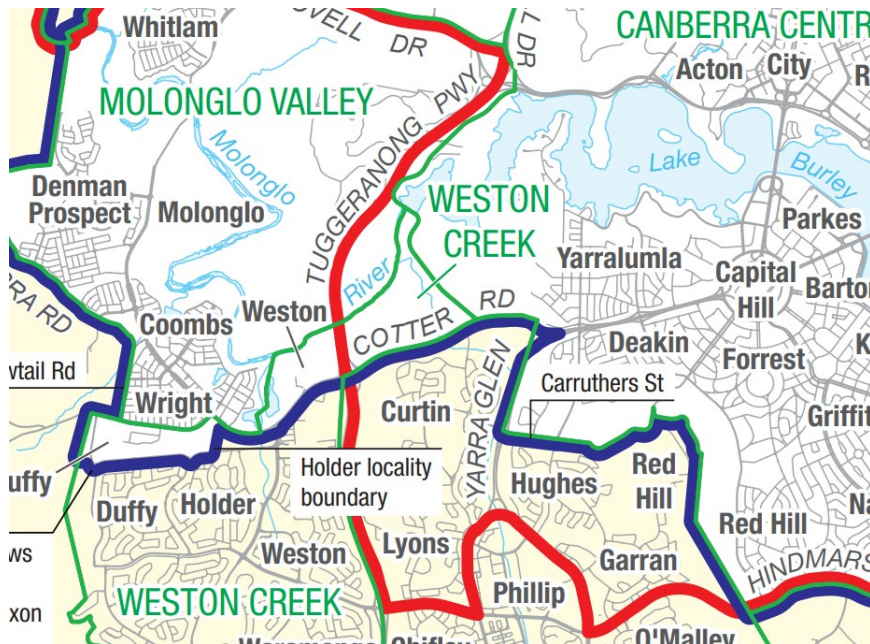
1. I am dissatisfied with the decision to split up the suburbs of Macquarie and Cook into the divisions of Fenner and Canberra respectively. These two suburbs are too close in proximity to each other, and the location of the boundary will certainly cause confusion to eligible voters on polling day (see Figure 1).



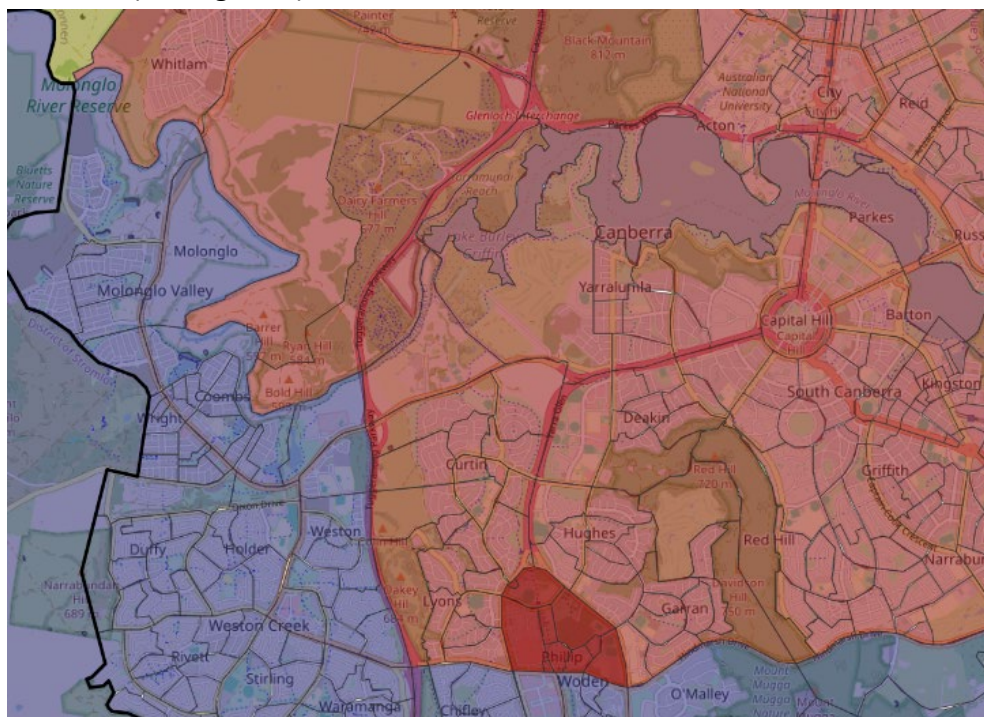
To rectify, I recommend maintaining the original configuration of the boundaries, along Belconnen Way and William Hovell Drive (see Figure 2). This will prevent confusion for eligible voters within the suburbs of Macquarie and Cook, as well as maintaining a strong community of interest.



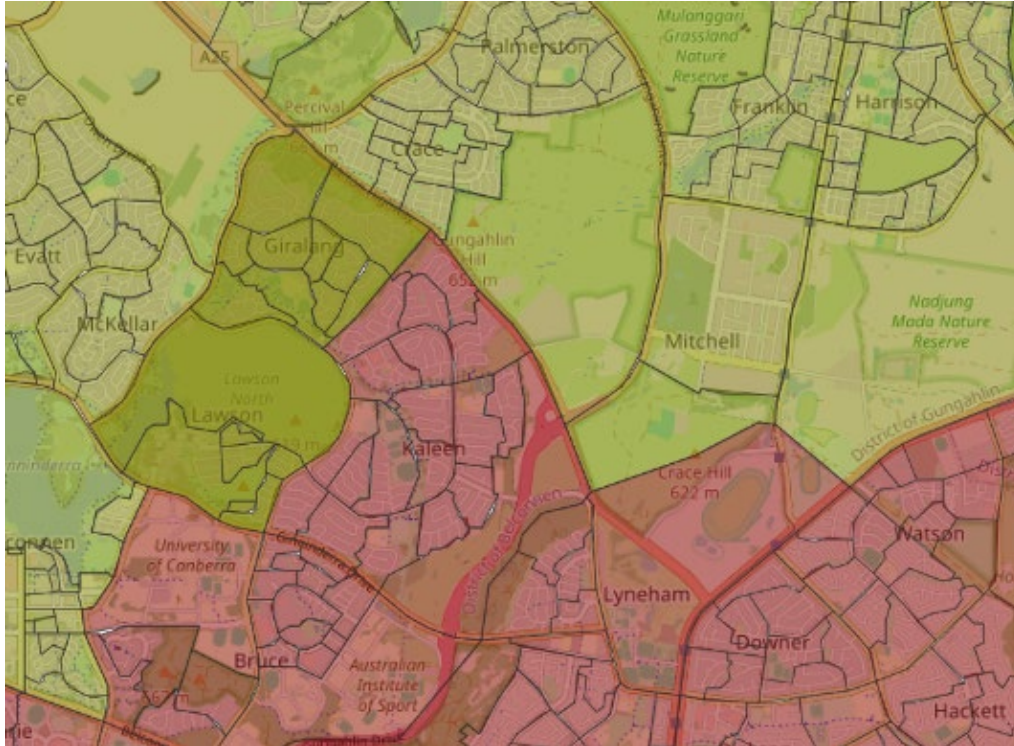
- I am also concerned about the proposed boundary between Canberra and Bean. This proposed boundary seems to chop and change too many suburbs between Canberra and Bean, and many of them in an illogical way (see Figure 3). This change damages the community of interests of these suburbs, and I do not believe that crossing the Molonglo so far downstream is reflective of the communities that sit along the river.



To rectify, I propose that the Canberra-Bean boundary follow the Molonglo River until the current boundary at Tuggeranong Parkway, and follow the current alignment until Phillip, and place the parts of Phillip north of the Hindmarsh Drive into Canberra (see Figure 4).



3. To make up for the shortfall in the Division of Fenner, I propose moving the suburbs of Giralang and Lawson from the Division of Canberra into the Division of Fenner, whilst maintaining the suburbs of Crace, Kenny, and Mitchell in the Division of Fenner (see Figure 5).



With all of these changes, the three ACT seats will all fall within the required quotas, and will each have a deviation of less than 1% above or under the 3.5% population deviation in 7 years time.

Once again, I thank the AEC for allowing the opportunity for the general public to comment on our electoral boundaries.