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I have referenced work done by Jerimy Tucker and used some statistics from his submission. There is a discrepancy between his and my proposal as I have relied on geographic boundaries and main roads as borders.

Jerimy and I are members of the Weston Creek Molonglo ALP Sub-Branch and have discussed this redistribution and reached similar conclusions.

My submission assumes that the population change in federal seats is likely to change in the new areas like Molonglo and Gungahlin quite predictably. However, due to recent ACT planning changes, the seat of Canberra and parts of Bean will be impacted by population growth less predictably than newer areas.

The planning change is called the “Missing Middle” and proposes increased densification by adding residences to existing blocks and combining blocks to allow multi story apartments.

The final population numbers are very much dependent on the rate of take up of the proposal. For this reason, I assumed we need some flexibility with the accuracy of population numbers.

I have taken an approach that minimal changes should be adopted where possible and take place in more targeted areas like the Woden Valley.

I propose that the boundaries for **Bean** would be:

1. The northern border (west) be William Hovell Drive to retain the whole of Molonglo in Bean.
2. The eastern border be Tuggeranong Parkway to Hindmarsh Drive
3. Hindmarsh Drive to ACT border remains the northern boundary HOWEVER varied, by moving south in Woden, until the required numbers are attained.
4. This would allow a logical extension of the Canberra electorate by adding those areas already in the same geographic domain.
5. An example would be to include Chifley, Mawson, and Pearce to Canberra – Chifley (2680), Mawson (3440), and Pearce (2700).
6. This would add 8820 to the Canberra seat and could be varied by adding additional Woden suburbs – Omalley, Isaacs, Torrens, and Farrer to reach the desired balance.

The boundaries for **Canberra** would be:

1. No change to the Canberra seat on the Gungahlin side of Fenner
2. The addition of Weetangera Hawker and Macquarie with the potential to include Belconnen (8500) which would offset the Crace/Kenny change
3. Consider whether Norfolk Island change from Bean given the small numbers (2000) and maintaining consistent representation to voters.

The boundaries for **Fenner** would be:

1. North west and east boundaries – the ACT border
2. Only changes to the southern boundary where south eastern Belconnen suburbs move to Canberra. Weetangera etc.

I would consider that the positives of my proposal would:

1. Leave eastern Fenner unmolested by leaving Crace (4800) and Mitchell (7) in that seat. Kenny as a projected population of 4000 but currently a handful. This leaves this side of Fenner as being – Gungahlin.
2. As the Canberra seat already includes parts of Belconnen there would be room for movement (Weetangera, Hawker and Macquarie) if necessary.
3. The major change would be in Woden where the proposal would appear to be logical and allows considerable “fine tuning.”
4. This would be done by including Woden suburbs south into the Woden Valley until appropriate balance is reached.
5. Maintain Norfolk Island in Bean for consistency of representation.

I have drawn my proposal as best I can on the Google map below.

