



# Suggestion 8

ACT Labor

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Australian Electoral Commission  
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To whom it may concern,

ACT Labor welcomes this opportunity to provide suggestions on the boundaries for the proposed new divisions of the ACT.

This submission will make a series of recommendations for the consideration of the Redistribution Committee regarding the placement of boundaries for the new electorates.

This submission relies on the population projections released by the Redistribution Committee and the guidelines for submissions. All proposed divisions meet the population criteria for current and projected enrolments.

This submission will also make recommendations on appropriate names for the new electorates.

ACT Labor has a clear position that, as far as reasonably possible, the new divisions should encompass complete suburban boundaries. We do not believe that creating divisions that split suburbs across multiple electorates is in the best interest of representative democracy.

It is our view that the three new divisions should be drawn in such a way so that there is a northern division, a central division and a southern division with borders running east-west as far as possible. We do not endorse divisions that are drawn in a so-called "y shape" as we do not believe that these would create divisions that combine communities of interest. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of the redistribution process.

Kind regards

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## Division Names

### Fenner

We propose that the northern-most ACT division be named Fenner as it will incorporate only electors who were enrolled in the old division of Fenner.

### Canberra

We propose that the southern-most ACT division be name Canberra as it will incorporate only electors who were enrolled in the old division of Canberra.

### Central Division (Molonglo)

We recommend that the new division receive an appropriate Aboriginal name. We ask that the Redistribution Committee seek the input of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community when determining the name for the new division.

One possible suggestion for an appropriate name for the new central division could be Molonglo, recognising the central axis the course of the Molonglo River corridor (including Lake Burley Griffin) would provide to the proposed division.

The name would reflect both the Indigenous language relationship with the district, and the role of the river in anchoring the early settlements that would ultimately form the heart of the national capital and seat of federal parliament.

## Division Boundaries

We propose that the boundaries for each new division be comprised of the following:

### Fenner

We propose that the division of Fenner encompass the northern regions of the ACT, following the northern NSW/ACT border and taking in all of the suburbs that comprise the district of Gungahlin and the majority of the suburbs that comprise the district of Belconnen except for the suburbs of Page, Hawker, Weetangera, Macquarie, Cook, Aranda, Bruce and Kaleen (see Map 1).

Amaroo	Bonner	Casey
Crace	Forde	Franklin
Gungahlin	Gungahlin East	Gungahlin West
Harrison	Moncrieff	Gooroomon/Hall
Nicholls	Ngunnawal	Jacka
Mitchell	Palmerston	Giralang
Lawson	McKellar	Evatt
Belconnen	Florey	Scullin
Melba	Spence	Fraser
Flynn	Latham	Higgins
Dunlop	Charnwood	Macgregor
Holt	Jervis Bay	

### Central Division (Molonglo)

We propose that the Central division encompass the suburbs that constitute the inner north and inner south suburbs of Canberra, the southern belt of Belconnen suburbs from Kaleen to Hawker, and the northern-most suburbs of Woden Valley namely, Curtin, Lyons, Hughes, Phillip and Garran. We envisage that this electorate would also encompass the eastern-most regions of the ACT to the NSW border including Beard, Oaks Estate, Majura and Kowen.

Whilst we have included Belconnen District 1 in this division, it is our view that any development to the north of this district should be incorporated into the division of Fenner.

Lyneham	O'Connor	Turner
Acton	Hackett	Dickson
Watson	Ainslie	Braddon
Civic	Kingston	Barton
Manuka	Campbell	Reid
Yarralumla	Deakin	Griffith
Red Hill	Forrest	Narrabundah
Fyshwick	Pialligo	Russell
Beard	Oaks Estate	Kowen
Majura	Curtin	Lyons
Hughes	Phillip	Garran
Kaleen	Bruce	Aranda
Cook	Macquarie	Page
Weetangera	Hawker	Belconnen District 1
ACT East	Downer	

## Canberra

We propose that the boundary for the southern division of Canberra encompass the former division of Namadgi which included all suburbs in the district of Tuggeranong, the southern Woden Valley suburbs of Chifley, Farrer, Isaacs, Mawson, Pearce and Torrens, and the remainder of the ACT south and west of the Murrumbidgee River. In addition, the division should also include the Woden Valley suburb of O'Malley and the Eastern areas of the ACT bounded by Hindmarsh Drive, Canberra Avenue and the ACT/NSW border.

We also propose that this division encompass the districts of Weston Creek and Molonglo which includes the district of Stromlo, down to the Brindabellas and Rendezvous Creek (see Map 3).

Bonython	Banks	Gordon
Conder	Theodore	Calwell
Isabella Plains	Richardson	Chisholm
Gilmore	Macarthur	Fadden
Gowrie	Monash	Greenway
Oxley	Wanniassa	Kambah
Isaacs	Farrer	Torrens
O'Malley	Mawson	Pearce
Chifley	Fisher	Waramanga
Weston	Chapman	Stirling
Rivett	Duffy	Holder
Wright	Coombs	Denman Prospect
Molonglo	Molonglo Valley	Stromlo
Paddys River	Tharwa	Hume
Jerrabomberra District	Symonston	Tuggeranong District
Norfolk Island	Namadgi	ACT South-West

## Conclusion

This submission forms the basis from which we wish to participate in the community-wide conversation about the names and the nature of the boundaries for the new divisions for the ACT in the House of Representatives.

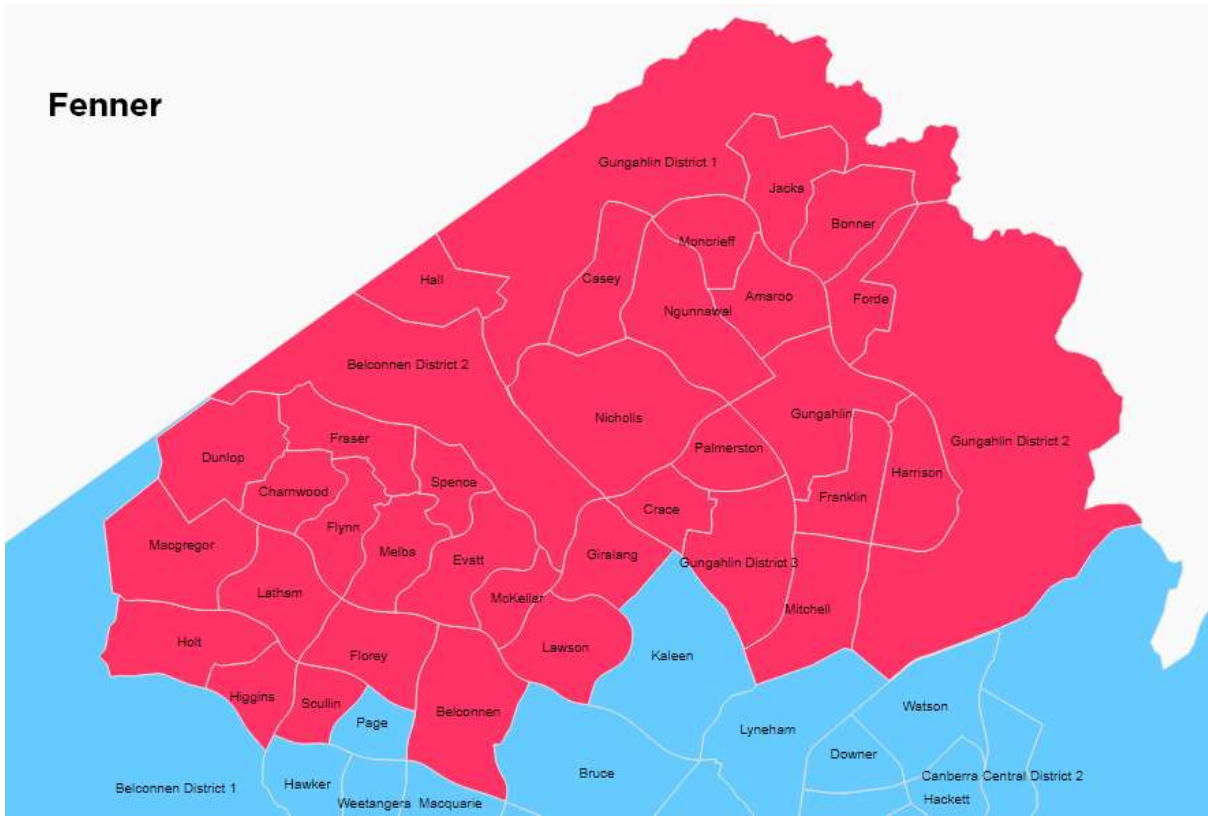
We believe that the divisions we have presented provide for proper community representation, acknowledge the growth of the ACT and allow for flexibility in the face of future population growth.

We also believe that a majority of ACT residents want to belong to divisions that predominantly consist of suburbs close to where they live, work and play. We believe boundaries that closely reflect those we have recommended in this submission will fulfil this community expectation, and will also allow the respective communities in the ACT coherent local representation in the Federal parliament.

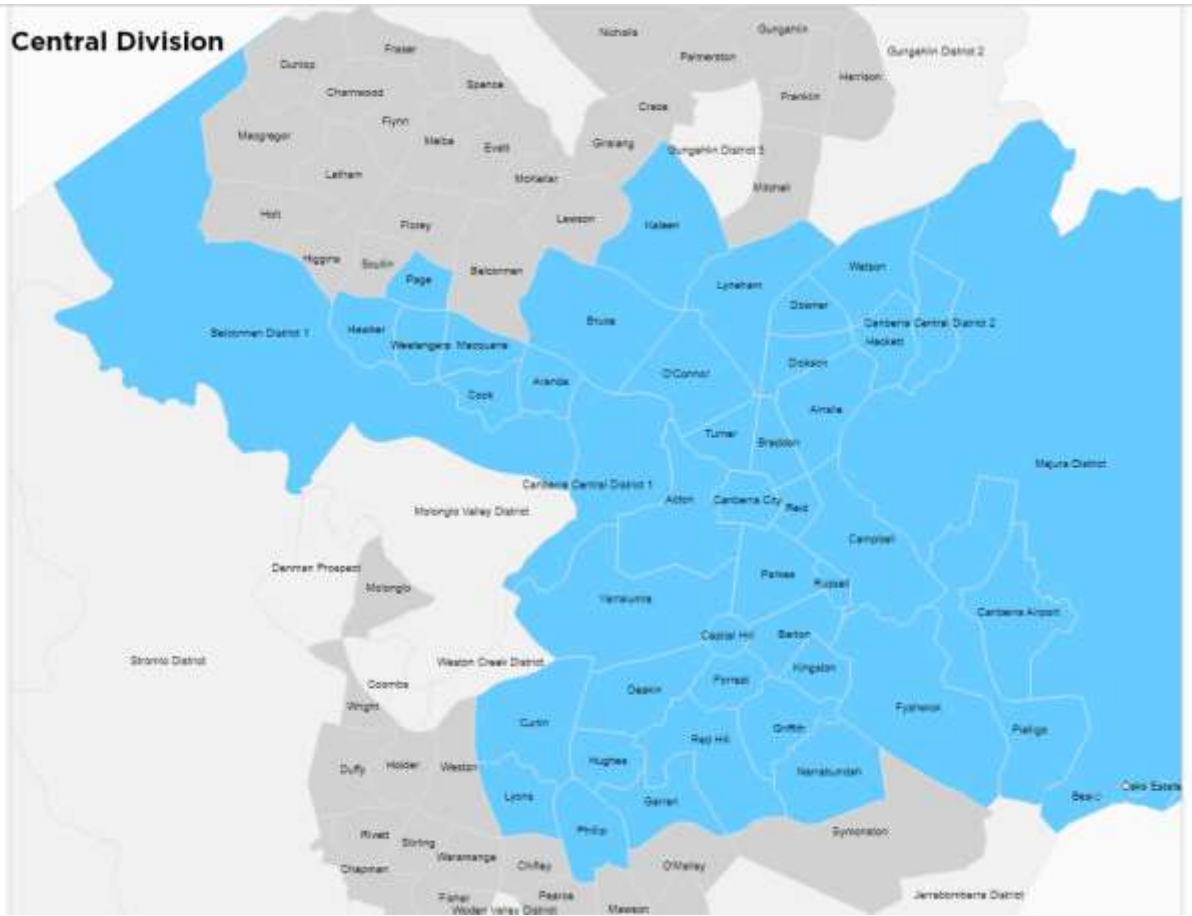
We look forward to the submissions from the community as well as from other political parties and we look forward to seeing the recommendations of the Redistribution Committee.

Maps are included in the pages below.

Map 1



Map 2



Map 3

