



Suggestion 9

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Overview

Contained herein is my suggestion to divide the ACT into three federal divisions.

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Boundary Descriptions

The federal divisions in the ACT have always been partitioned on a north-south basis. Given the territory's geography, it is sensible to retain this arrangement. With three divisions in total, that arrangement produces divisions focused on the northern suburbs, the city centre, and the southern suburbs respectively.

Fenner

Between the districts of Gungahlin, Hall, and Belconnen, there is more than enough enrolled voters for one division, the only question being whether to split Gungahlin or Belconnen. Given its proximity to the city, I suggest splitting Belconnen. Everything north of Ginninderra Dr, west of Kingsford Smith Rd, plus the suburb of Florey is retained in Fenner.

The allocation of Jervis Bay is more arbitrary, but I see no reason to remove it from Fenner.

Canberra

Canberra will obviously be a Civic centric division straddling Lake Burley Griffin.

I suggest the division take in the entirety of the districts of Canberra Central, Kowen, Majura, and Molonglo Valley. Two districts are partially included in the division: (1) the Belconnen suburbs to the city side of Kingsford Smith Dr, Southern Cross Dr, Coulter Dr and Ginninderra Dr; (2) the suburbs in Woden Valley north of Hindmarsh Dr.

The allocation of Norfolk Island is again arbitrary, but I see no reason to remove it from Canberra.

Namadgi

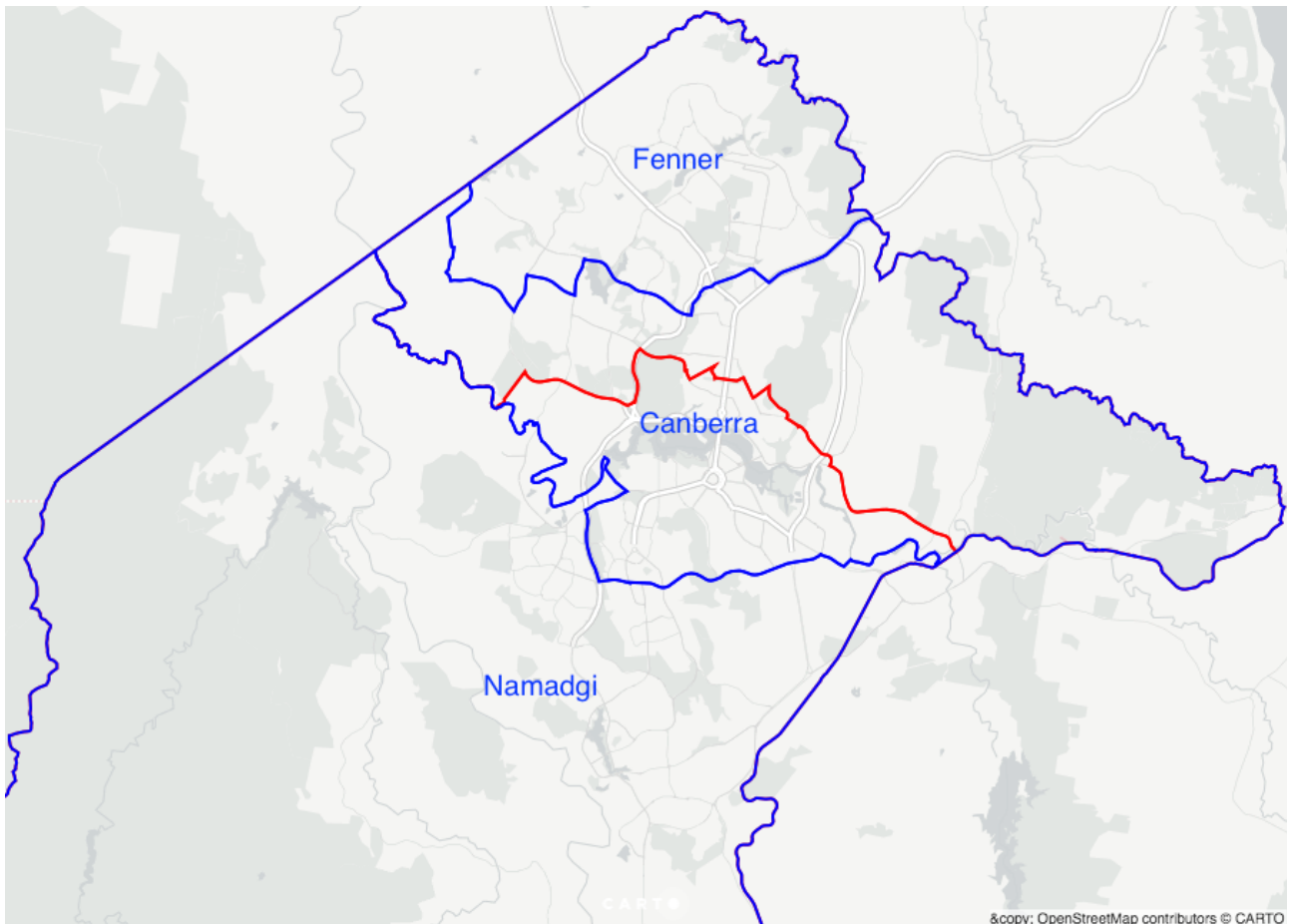
That leaves the southern division to take in everything else in the territory. To wit, Woden Valley south of Hindmarsh Dr, Weston Creek, Jerrabomberra, Tuggeranong, and all the lightly populated districts in the ACT's south.

I have no strong opinion about what to call this division. For the purposes of this submission, I have opted to revive the name Namadgi. I recognise that as a geographically based named it might be considered unsuitable and superior alternatives may be available.

Electoral Imagery

The changes described above are visualised below. There is an interactive version of this map at the following link.

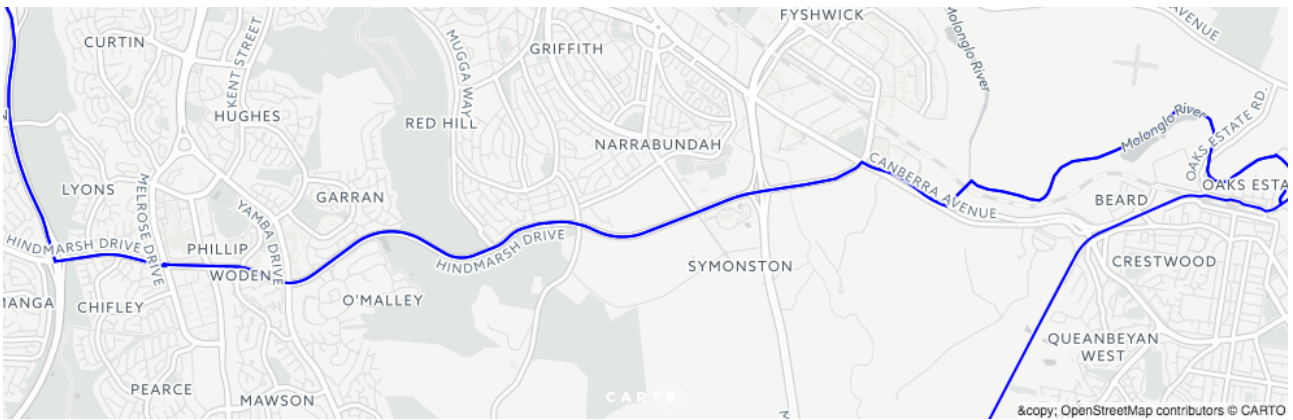
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Suggested boundary between Fenner and Canberra.



Suggested boundary between Canberra and Namadgi.



Enrolment Statistics

Canberra	Actual	Projected
ACT - East (part)	133	129
Acton	729	731
Ainslie	4,056	4,113
Aranda	1,825	1,735
Belconnen	4,032	4,579
Braddon	3,834	4,104
Bruce	4,306	4,539
Campbell	3,730	3,770
Civic	2,134	2,678
Cook	2,194	2,074
Curtin	3,939	3,910
Deakin	2,305	2,371
Dickson	1,654	1,618
Downer	2,706	2,821
Forrest	1,313	1,307
Garran	2,353	2,457
Griffith	3,634	4,047
Hackett	2,264	2,303
Hawker	2,206	2,227
Hughes	2,175	2,100
Kingston - Barton	5,371	6,433
Kowen	14	14
Lyneham	3,856	4,156
Lyons	2,073	2,182
Macquarie	1,971	2,021
Majura	198	217
Molonglo	19	20
Narrabundah	4,310	4,456
Norfolk Island	733	733
O'Connor	4,261	4,331
Page	1,993	2,011
Phillip	1,215	1,741
Red Hill	2,284	2,230
Reid	1,209	1,174
Scullin	2,114	2,125
Turner	2,992	3,196
Watson	4,157	4,189
Weetangera	1,941	1,880
Yarralumla	2,471	2,415
Total	94,704	99,137

Fenner	Actual	Projected
Amaroo	3,901	4,100
Bonner	3,827	4,889
Casey	3,598	4,679
Charnwood	2,148	2,031
Crace	2,874	3,928
Dunlop	4,957	5,037
Evatt	3,967	3,940
Florey	3,518	3,214
Flynn	2,582	2,347
Forde	2,664	3,291
Franklin	3,792	4,769
Fraser	1,587	1,489
Giralang	2,491	2,458
Gooromon	6	6
Gungahlin	3,559	3,852
Gungahlin - East	18	18
Gungahlin - West	1,128	1,735
Hall	327	314
Harrison	4,542	5,752
Higgins	2,258	2,177
Holt	3,443	3,298
Jervis Bay	165	165
Kaleen	5,557	5,467
Latham	2,662	2,652
Lawson	524	833
Macgregor	4,677	4,975
McKellar	2,120	2,039
Melba	2,365	2,281
Mitchell	5	5
Ngunnawal	7,230	8,309
Nicholls	5,180	5,202
Palmerston	3,976	3,879
Spence	1,934	1,945
Total	93,582	101,076

Namadgi	Actual	Projected
ACT - East (part)	443	431
ACT - South West	3,691	5,668
Banks	3,618	3,502
Bonython	2,860	2,722
Calwell	4,379	4,241
Chapman	2,179	2,077
Chifley	1,773	1,664
Chisholm	3,938	3,793
Conder	3,803	3,651
Duffy	2,410	2,274
Fadden	2,387	2,278
Farrer	2,539	2,355
Fisher	2,238	2,113
Gilmore	2,043	1,962
Gordon	5,870	5,659
Gowrie	2,357	2,352
Greenway	1,348	1,475
Holder	2,057	1,901
Hume	22	26
Isaacs	1,954	1,857
Isabella Plains	3,166	3,121
Kambah	11,558	11,032
Macarthur	1,141	1,127
Mawson	2,264	2,382
Monash	4,257	4,192
Mount Taylor	2	2
Namadgi	35	46
O'Malley	767	804
Oxley	1,311	1,230
Pearce	1,957	1,952
Phillip	613	708
Richardson	2,240	2,113
Rivett	2,356	2,375
Stirling	1,533	1,497
Theodore	2,845	2,704
Torrens	1,636	1,540
Tuggeranong	26	26
Wanniassa	5,843	5,532
Waramanga	1,938	1,845
Weston	2,663	2,655
Total	100,060	98,884