



Submission S1

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ACT Federal Redistribution Suggestions:

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Introduction

To whom it may concern,

As per the announcement of the Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries for the Australian Capital Territory, I have taken the opportunity to provide suggestions for the ACT's federal electoral divisions. This redistribution is being conducted in accordance with subsection 59(2) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Electoral Act), with more than seven years passing since the previous redistribution for the Australian Capital Territory.

Overall, the changes are quite minimal and mostly propose a southward shift of the seats, mostly following natural boundaries. The total number of electors moved from the divisions within the ACT is just shy of 10,000, or less than 3% of total ACT electors.

I am delighted to provide input for the Electoral Boundaries of the ACT's electoral divisions, and I hope that the suggestions laid out in this document will be of inspiration for the Electoral Commission's task of the redistribution. I thank the Electoral Commission for this opportunity to provide input for this redistribution.

DISCLAIMER: I am an Australian Citizen, the opinions in this document are solely my own, and I am not acting on behalf of any other entity. I also wish for my name to be kept anonymous when this suggestion is published.

Proposals for the ACT's Electoral Divisions

Bean:

- Loses the suburb of Whitlam to **Canberra**, fixing this part of the boundary to the Molonglo River.
This specific change is partially cosmetic, and it ensures that only one ACT seat, Canberra, crosses the Molonglo River, as opposed to two seats crossing the river previously. Bean's previous crossing of the Molonglo was largely arbitrary, however now with Bean needing to lose electors, it seems like a logical choice to fix up this boundary.
- Loses parts of Philip north of Hindmarsh Drive to **Canberra**. This fixes this part of the Bean-Canberra boundary to Hindmarsh Drive.

Canberra:

- Gains the suburb of Whitlam from **Bean**, fixing this part of the boundary to the Molonglo River.
- Gains parts of Philip from **Bean**, fixing this part of the boundary to Hindmarsh Drive.
- Gains Jervis Bay Territory from **Fenner**.
- Gains Norfolk Island from **Bean**.

These latter two changes ensure that the Australian territories of Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island are represented in the one seat. The division of Canberra has been chosen to contain these two territories due to Canberra Airport being contained in the seat, thus enabling for better access to the territories and better allowing for contiguity. Though it should be noted that there are no direct transport links from Canberra to Jervis Bay, it seems more practical.

- Loses in full the suburbs of Lawson and Girawang to **Fenner**.

Fenner:

- Loses Jervis Bay Territory to **Canberra**.
- Gains the suburbs of Lawson and Girawang from **Canberra**.

Statistical Summary:

Note, all data has been provided by the AEC.

The current division of Bean has a current enrolment of 114,006 (a deviation of 6.26%), and a projected enrolment of 123,608 (a deviation of 7.63%).

The new Division of Bean has a current enrolment of 108,518 (a deviation of 1.14%), and a projected enrolment of 114,317 (a deviation of -0.46%).

- The new Division of Bean *loses* 3,253 current electors (5,179 projected) to Canberra, from parts of Phillip.
- The new Division of Bean *loses* 985 current electors (2,859 projected) to Canberra, from the suburb of Whitlam.
- The new Division of Bean *loses* 1,250 current electors (1,253 projected) to Canberra, from the Norfolk Island Territory.

The current Division of Canberra has a current enrolment of 102,602 electors (a deviation of -4.37%), and a projected enrolment of 109,175 (a deviation of -4.93%).

The new Division of Canberra has a current enrolment of 104,596 electors (a deviation of -2.51%), and a projected enrolment of 114,875 electors (a deviation of 0.03%).

- The new Division of Canberra *gains* 229 current electors (230 projected) from the Jervis Bay Territory from Fenner.
- The new Division of Canberra *gains* 3,253 current electors (5,179 projected) from Bean, from parts of Phillip.
- The new Division of Canberra *gains* 985 current electors (2,859 projected) from Bean, from the suburb of Whitlam.
- The new Division of Canberra *gains* 1,250 current electors (1,253 projected) from Bean, from the Norfolk Island Territory.
- The new Division of Canberra *loses* 3,732 current electors (3,830 projected) to Fenner, from the suburbs of Lawson and Girawang.

The current Division of Fenner has a current enrolment of 105,271 electors (a deviation of -1.88%), and a projected enrolment of 111,742 electors (a deviation of -2.70%).

The new Division of Fenner has a current enrolment of 108,765 electors (a deviation of 1.37%), and a projected enrolment of 115,333 (a deviation of 0.43%).

- The new Division of Fenner *gains* 3,732 current electors (3,830 projected) from Canberra, from the suburbs of Lawson and Girawang.
- The new Division of Fenner *loses* the 229 current electors (230 projected) from the Jervis Bay Territory to Canberra.

Overall, the number of current electors moved is 9,449, with a projected 13,351 electors moved. This represents a shift of 2.94% of current electors, and a shift of 3.88% of future electors, into a new seat.

Maps

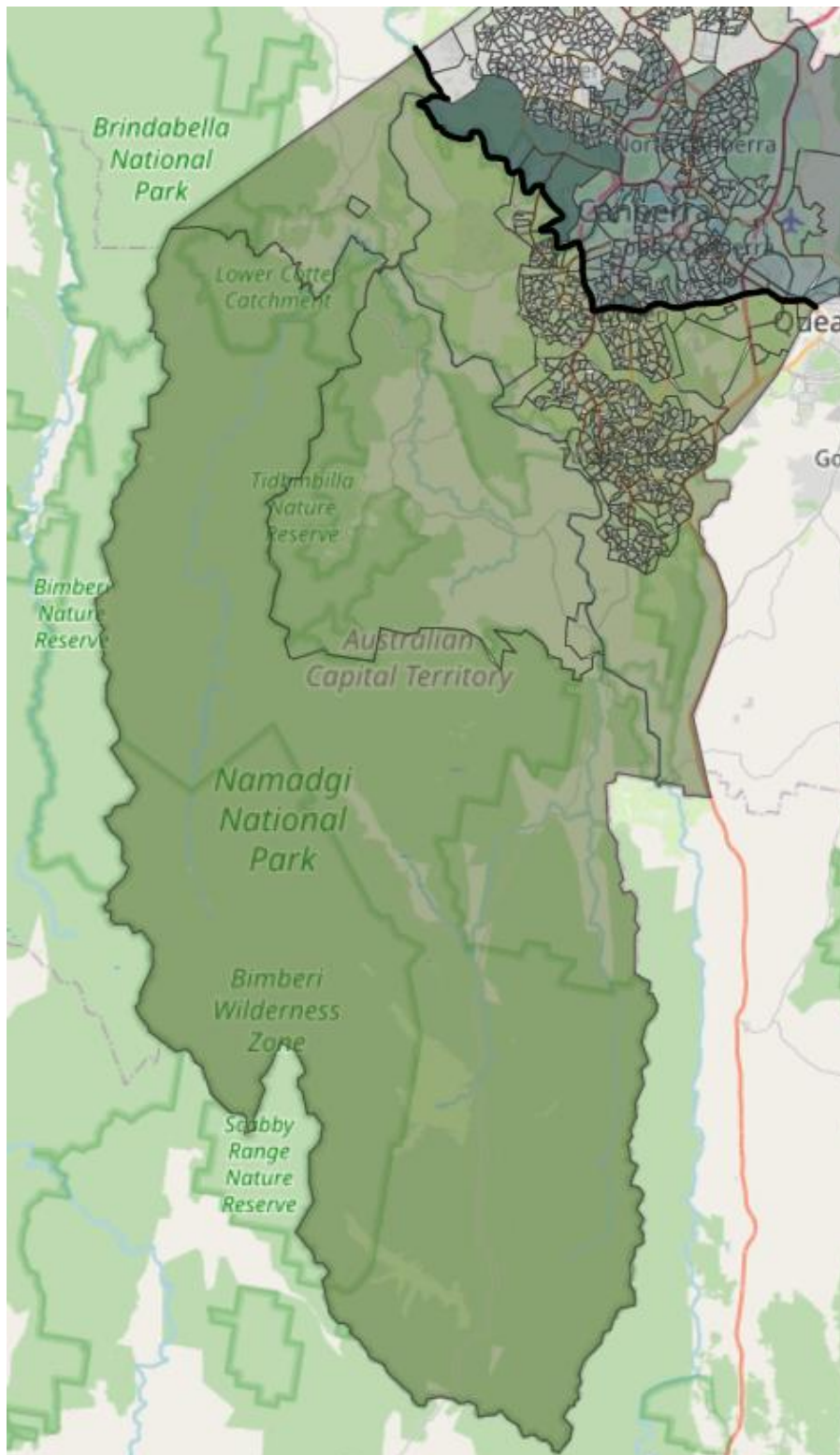


Figure 1: Proposed Division of Bean.

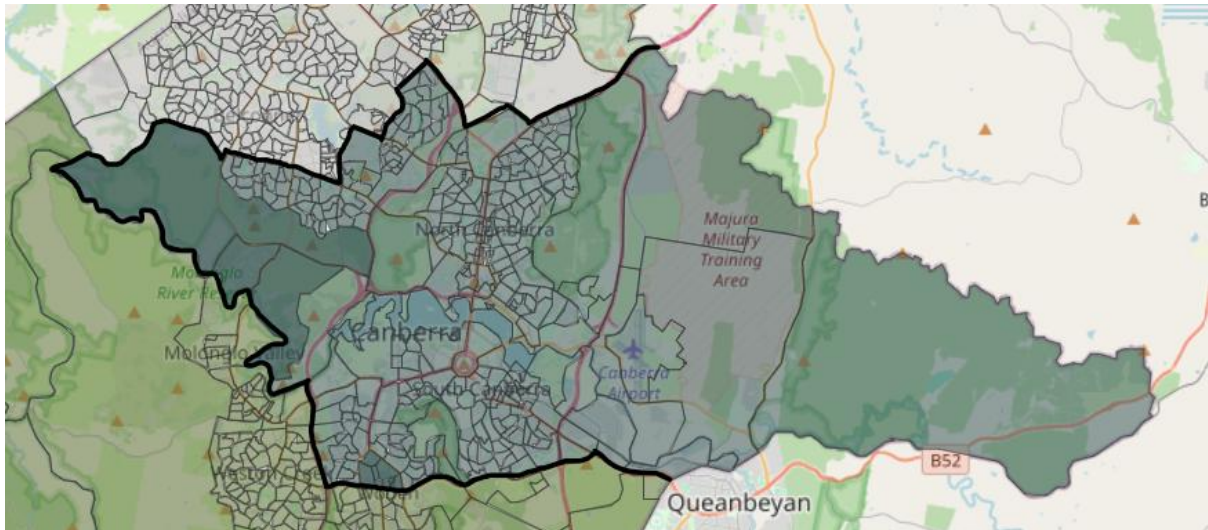


Figure 2: Proposed Division of Canberra. Note: Seat includes Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island (not shown on map).

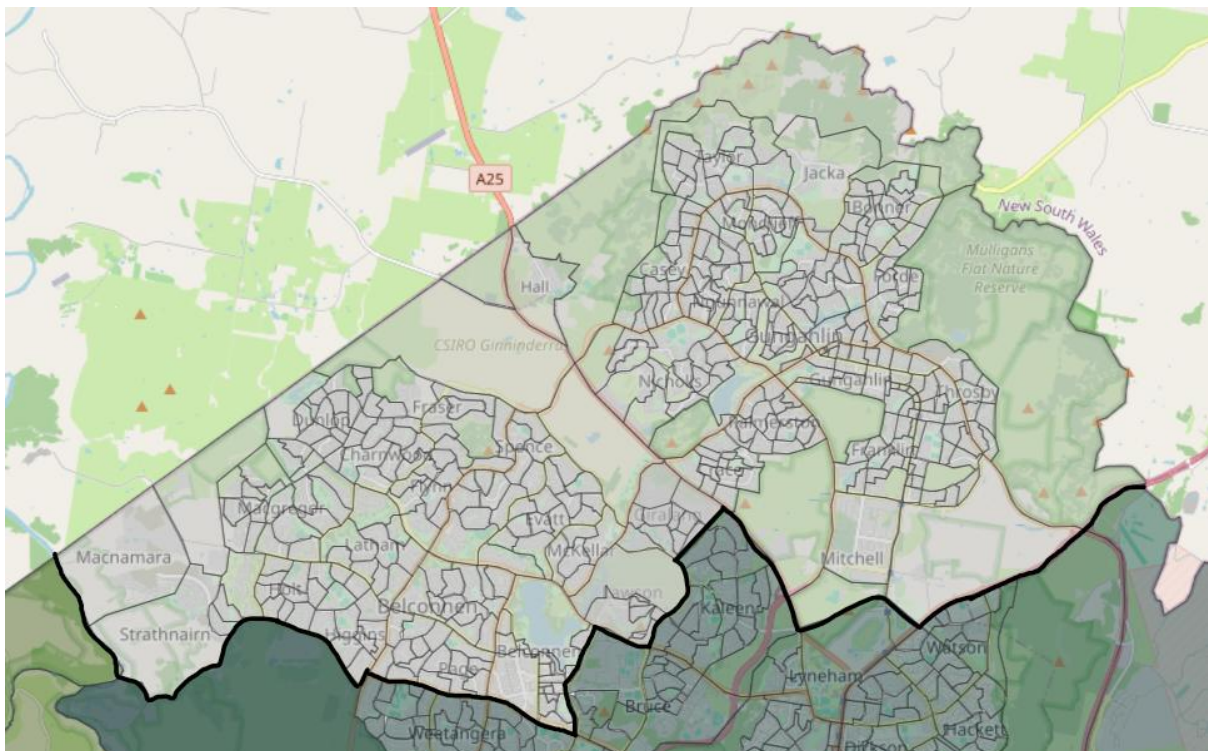


Figure 3: Proposed Division of Fenner.