



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
TERRITORY**

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2025 ACT Federal Redistribution Recommendations

Overview

The following recommendations will refer to the electoral boundaries of all three ACT Federal electorates.

My recommendations follow two key principles: communities within each electorate share the same characteristics and interests, and the number of enrolled electors are evenly distributed so that each electorate is no more than 3.5% more or less than the projected enrolment quota.

In line with these principles, I recommend the following:

- 1. The suburbs of Phillip, Chifley, O'Malley and Mawson are redistributed out of Bean into Canberra**
- 2. The suburbs of Hawker, Weetangera and Giralang are redistributed out of Canberra into Fenner**

Bean

The electorate of Bean currently consists of Tuggeranong, Western Creek, Molonglo Valley, Symonston and everything in the Woden Valley south of Hindmarsh Drive, including Phillip. Currently, Bean has a 6.26% percentage deviation or 6,713 elector deviation from the redistribution quota. The deviation from the projected enrolment quota is expected to grow to 7.63% or 8,766 electors.

On current projections, Bean is already the largest electorate in the ACT and the gap between the other ACT electorates will continue to grow larger with the projected growth of the Molonglo Valley. Bean needs to lose electors so that the electorate is within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota.

Redistributing suburbs from the Woden Valley is the cleanest option, as the region is already split between Bean and Canberra. Belconnen and Woden are already split, and the only other alternative is to redistribute the north of the Molonglo Valley which would require splitting a third region, a highly undesirable outcome.

On projected enrolment, the redistribution will cause Bean to lose 11,307 electors. The final total of enrolled electors in Bean would be 112,301 with a -2.21% percentage deviation from the projected enrolment quota.

Canberra

The electorate of Canberra currently consists of the Inner North, Inner South, Southwest of Belconnen and everything in the Woden Valley north of Hindmarsh Drive excluding Phillip. Currently, Canberra has a -4.37% percentage deviation or 4,691 elector deviation from the redistribution quota. The deviation from the projected enrolment quota is expected to grow to -4.93% or 5,667 electors.

On current projections, Canberra, already the smallest electorate, is expected to deviate from the projected enrolment quota even more. Canberra needs to gain electors so that the electorate is within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota.

Canberra consists of two split regions, Belconnen and Woden. As each individual region in the ACT share the same characteristics and interests, it is highly desirable that regions are unified into the same electorate where possible. As Bean needs to lose electors, it makes more sense to move suburbs in south Woden into Canberra. So Canberra is then within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota and to further unify Belconnen, Canberra should then redistribute suburbs in Belconnen into Fenner.

On projected enrolment, the redistribution will cause Canberra to have a net gain of 4,405 electors. The final total of enrolled electors in Canberra would be 113,580 with a -1.10% percentage deviation from the projected enrolment quota.

Fenner

The electorate of Fenner currently consists of Gungahlin and everything in Belconnen excluding the Southwest. Currently, Fenner has a -1.88% percentage deviation or 2,022 elector deviation from the redistribution quota. The deviation from the projected enrolment quota is expected to grow to -2.70% or 3,100 electors.

On current projections, Fenner is the only electorate in the ACT that does not need to change boundaries. However, it would be desirable to further unify Belconnen into Fenner.

Fenner has enough room to grow while keeping within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota. As the suburbs in Belconnen share the same characteristics and interests, Fenner should intake Belconnen suburbs from Canberra while keeping within the 3.5% boundary.

On projected enrolment, the redistribution will cause Fenner to gain 6,902 electors. The final total of enrolled electors in Fenner would be 118,644 with a 3.31% percentage deviation from the projected enrolment quota.

Conclusion

The stated recommendations keep within the confines of the Electoral Act. It also aligns with the committee's priorities that each electorate is within 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota and that communities within each electorate share the same characteristics and interests.

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Bean

Number of Electors in electorate

	Current	Projected	After Redistribution	Change
Electors	114,006	123,608	112,301	-11,307
% Deviation	6.26%	7.63%	-2.21%	-9.84%

Suburbs before Redistribution

Banks	Bonython	Calwell
Chisholm	Conder	Fadden
Gilmore	Gordon	Gowrie
Greenway	Hume	Isabella Plains
Kambah	Macarthur	Monash
Oxley	Richardson	Tharwa
Theodore	Wanniassa	Chifley
Farrer	Isaacs	Mawson
O'Malley	Pearce	Phillip
Torrens	Chapman	Duffy
Fisher	Holder	Rivett
Stirling	Waramanga	Weston
Coombs	Denman Prospect	Whitlam
Wright	ACT Southwest	Namadgi
Norfolk Island	Symonston	

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Electors	102,602	109,175	113,580	+4,405
% Deviation	-4.37%	-4.93%	-1.10%	+3.83%

Suburbs before Redistribution

Aranda	Bruce	Cook
Giralang	Hawker	Kaleen
Lawson	Macquarie	Weetangera
Kowen	Acton	Ainslie
Braddon	Campbell	Civic
Dickson	Downer	Hackett
Lyneham	O'Conner	Reid
Russell	Turner	Watson
Barton	Deakin	Forrest
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Lyons	Mawson	Phillip
O'Malley		

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Electors	105,271	111,742	118,644	+6,902
% Deviation	-1.88%	-2.70%	3.31%	+6.01%

Suburbs before Redistribution

Belconnen	Charnwood	Dunlop
Evatt	Florey	Flynn
Fraser	Gooromon	Higgins
Holt	Latham	Macnamara
Macgregor	McKellar	Melba
Page	Scullin	Spence
Strathairn	West Belconnen	Amaroo
Bonner	Casey	Crace
Forde	Franklin	Gungahlin
Hall	Harrison	Mitchell
Ngunnawal	Nicholls	Palmerston
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