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Liberal Party of Australia ACT Division

Submission of the Liberal Party of Australia ACT Division to the Federal Redistribution Committee for the Australian Capital Territory

The Liberal Party of Australia ACT Division ('Liberal Party') welcomes the opportunity to participate in the redistribution process for the Australian Capital Territory.

The Liberal Party strongly supports the maintenance of electoral boundaries through electoral cycles whenever possible to ensure consistency of representation of communities of interest by their elected members.

Furthermore, previous Redistribution Committees have created boundaries consistent with communities of interest in the ACT – namely, the Division of Fenner in the north of the ACT, covering Gungahlin and Belconnen; the Division of Canberra, covering the inner-north and inner-south, with parts of Belconnen that could not fit in Fenner; and the Division of Bean, covering the south of the ACT, including Weston Creek, Woden, and Tuggeranong. Inevitably, it is not possible to ensure clean boundaries between town centres in the centre of the ACT, therefore there is some variation of the interfaces of these town centres in Woden and Belconnen, which is the most appropriate area to balance electors between the electorates.

The Liberal Party submits a minimal proposal for change for consideration by the Redistribution Committee to ensure the electoral boundaries in the ACT remain within the permissible elector quotas.

All Divisions in the ACT meet the required current quota of electors ($\pm 10\%$), however, the Divisions of Canberra and Bean are outside the permissible projected quota of ($\pm 3.5\%$). Therefore, it is necessary to transfer electors out of the Division of Bean and into the Division of Canberra.

To ensure communities of interest are best applied to the redistribution of electors between these two Divisions, the Liberal Party submits that the whole of the Phillip SA2 (801091109) is transferred from the Division of Bean to the Division of Canberra. This is the most appropriate place for electors to be transferred, especially given that Phillip contains the Woden town centre and directly interfaces with the surrounding suburbs of Lyons, Curtin, Hughes, and Garran that surround it. Furthermore, the Phillip SA2 is linked in both directions by means of communication and community services that are common to both the Divisions of Bean and Canberra. It contains the Woden public transport hub that links to Civic as well as to Tuggeranong. It will also contain the terminus for the City's Tram services, linking Gungahlin to Woden, through the City. Therefore, the Phillip SA2 is the most natural fit with the Division of Canberra out of all the SA2s in the Division of Bean.

	Current Enrolment	Variance from Quota ±10%	Projected Enrolment	Variance from Quota ±3.5%
Division of Bean	114,006	+6.26%	123,608	7.63%
LESS Phillip SA2 (801091109)	-3,883		-6,079	
Proposed Division of Bean	114,670	-0.15%	109,138	1.72%

	Current Enrolment	Variance from Quota ±10%	Projected Enrolment	Variance from Quota ±3.5%
Division of Canberra	114,006	+6.26%	123,608	7.63%
ADD Phillip SA2 (801091109)	+3,883		+6,079	
Proposed Division of Canberra	107,470	+0.16%	118,113	2.85%

The only other area where the Redistribution Committee could consider transferring electors from the Division of Bean to the Division of Canberra is in the Molonglo Valley – transferring electors from Whitlam, Denman Prospect, and Coombs. However, these communities do not share any direct links with the communities to their north that are currently in the Division of Canberra. Whitlam, Denman Prospect, and Coombs are firmly oriented towards communities in Weston Creek, sharing strong links between Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley. The communities to the north are all in Belconnen, which also orient east-west towards the City and Belconnen and not north-south. Therefore, moving electors in these communities to the Division of Canberra would not strongly correlate with their communities of interest and other social links that they share between the Molonglo Valley and Weston Creek.

For the foregoing reasons, it is most appropriate for the Redistribution Committee to transfer the Phillip SA2 (801091109) from the Division of Bean to the Division Canberra.

The Liberal Party is available to provide further information to the Redistribution Committee and appear before any inquiries the Committee may hold.

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