



Submission S4

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Federal Redistribution – ACT

Summary

This suggestion is for all three electorates in the Australian Capital Territory.

All three divisions can meet the redistribution quota (+/- 10% as at 21 August 2025) and the projected enrolment quota (+/- 3.5% as at 8 October 2026) with barely any movement of electors. In particular, the division of Fenner does not currently require any changes at all.

However, the most appropriate redistribution would ensure minimal need for further redistributions in the immediate future. In other words, it is more appropriate to do one significant redistribution than numerous minor redistributions. This minimises the risk of confusion among electors as to which division they are in and who is their elected representative.

Hence, my suggestion balances two considerations in addition to the redistribution criteria, and the community of interest consideration:

- 1) Minimising the number of electors changing divisions
- 2) Maximising the number of divisions that will continue to stay within the +/- 3.5% quota for the longest possible time, by redistributing divisions to be:
 - a) slightly over quota if their enrolment is projected to shrink,
 - b) slightly under quota if their enrolment is projected to grow, and
 - c) as close to the quota as possible if their enrolment is projected to stay steady

With this in mind, my suggestion recommends:

- 1) expanding the division of Fenner, as Fenner is currently below quota and projected to shrink further, and
- 2) moving more electors from Bean to Canberra than strictly necessary, as Bean is currently over quota and projected to grow further.

Suggestion

Fenner

Current Enrolment		Projected Enrolment	
Before Redistribution	After Redistribution	Before Redistribution	After Redistribution
-1.88%	+0.41%	-2.70%	-0.52%

Gains from / Loses to	Current Change	Projected Change	Recommended area
Canberra	+2.29%	+2.18%	Giralang

Canberra

Current Enrolment		Projected Enrolment	
Before Redistribution	After Redistribution	Before Redistribution	After Redistribution
-4.37%	-2.71%	-4.93%	-0.11%

Gains from / Loses to	Current Change	Projected Change	Recommended area
Fenner	-2.29%	-2.18%	Giralang
Bean	+3.95%	+7.00%	Whitlam, and Phillip north of Hindmarsh Drive

Bean

Current Enrolment		Projected Enrolment	
Before Redistribution	After Redistribution	Before Redistribution	After Redistribution
+6.26%	+2.31%	+7.63%	+0.63%

Gains from / Loses to	Current Change	Projected Change	Recommended area
Canberra	-3.95%	-7.00%	Whitlam, and Phillip north of Hindmarsh Drive

Map



Giralang moves from
Canberra to Fenner

Whitlam, and Phillip
north of Hindmarsh
Drive, move from
Bean to Canberra

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