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Objection 2

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Response to AEC draft boundaries:

Proposed redistribution of

Commonwealth Electoral Divisions

in the Northern Territory

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To the Redistribution Committee for the Northern Territory:

Whilst this part of the Redistribution Process is supposed to be for raising objections to the proposed new boundary between the Divisions of Lingiari and Solomon. I think it is also a worthwhile opportunity for providing expressions of support to the proposed boundary.

As one of only 4 individuals who went to the effort of tabling a submission at the start of this Redistribution process, I feel that it's important that the Redistribution Committee for the Northern Territory obtain feedback from those who have more than just a passing interest in the Redistribution process.

There is little doubt that drawing a boundary between 2 Electoral Districts is a much simpler exercise than trying to draw as many as 47 boundaries for the other States. Therefore, one boundary is far less likely to encounter the same number of objections.

However, in my 4 short years contributing to Commonwealth, State and Territory Redistributions, I have been surprised how often the most obvious or even logical boundary seems to have been overlooked by the relevant Redistribution Committees.

In that aspect, this proposed boundary is very different from many of the proposals, and even final boundaries I have encountered before.

In this case; credit where credit is due.

The Redistribution Committee for the Northern Territory should take a bow.

The proposed boundary is simple, strong and logical.

It's also not that dis-similar to my own proposal which is perhaps why I am impressed by the proposed boundary.

Please take this submission as a vote in support of the proposed boundary.

I encourage the augmented Electoral Commission to accept the boundary as proposed by the Redistribution Committee for the Northern Territory with no alterations.

Sincerely

Jeff Waddell

PS. And now off to Tasmania to assess the 5 Divisions down there!