



Comment on suggestion 5

ACT Labor

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Australian Electoral Commission
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To whom it may concern,

ACT Labor welcomes the submissions to the ACT redistribution process.

It is clear that the majority of proposed boundaries for the three new divisions largely or very closely align with those suggested in our submission¹.

We agree with the rationale of other submitters who note that the communities of interest that comprise the ACT - based on geography and population - best suit a northern division mostly comprised of Gungahlin and Belconnen suburbs, a southern electorate mostly comprised of Tuggeranong, Weston Creek/Molonglo and Woden Valley suburbs and a central electorate taking in the entirety of central Canberra and supplemented by suburbs from Belconnen and Woden.

These boundaries satisfy the population criteria set out by the Redistribution Committee and also allow for the least disruptive options for re-drawing boundaries when population growth demands a redistribution in the future.

It also remains our view that creating divisions along those submissions that suggest a Gungahlin-Canberra north line, a Belconnen-Weston Creek/Molonglo-Woden line and a Tuggeranong-Woden-Canberra south line are not satisfactory as they split communities of interest and connects districts that are not serviced by strong transportation or other community links.

As such we stand by our submission and proposed boundaries and recommendations to the Redistribution Committee.

Kind regards

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Secretary, ACT Labor

¹ These were submissions 1, 5, 9, 11, 12 and 15