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Dear electoral commission, I have been living in Garran for several years now. Woden is a great and underrated area of Canberra. I appreciate in particular the role of the WVCC in battling, constantly on behalf of the community for improved facilities, services and community cohesion.

The idea of splitting the Woden Valley community into little enclaves threatens these efforts to create a sense of unified voice.

I'm also tired of the fact we seem to gain more and more ministers, both federal and in the local parliaments, but I don't see this reflected at all in improved services in the area. Roads, infrastructure, transport are all in decline or not improved in coherent ways. Creating more ministries (with electoral boundaries to match) for federal elections doesn't do a thing to satisfy my concerns for footpaths, drivable roads, safe cycle paths, reliable mass transport, affordable housing for those on low incomes, more well kept parks and outdoors areas etc etc. All that appears to be occurring is the government has handed increased power to the private sector developers to make increased profits from developing Canberra into high density future slums with limited or reduced public amenity.

The community's concerns are being voiced, but not listened to.

This is happening in a number of suburbs, including Garran, Mawson, Woden Town Centre itself, Curtin.

First, I'm questioning what justifies an added seat in terms of actual expectations that this increased political representation will actually lead to any visible improvement in the workings of our Government (dubious in my view).

Second, I'm objecting to splitting Woden Valley up across electoral boundaries. It smacks of jerrymandering.

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