



# Objection 8

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## **Objections to the Proposed Redistribution of the ACT**

I am a resident of the ACT. I am a teenager with significant interest in government and the redistricting process. This objection relates to the boundaries of the proposed Divisions of Bean and Canberra. This objection also relates to the name of the southern Division, proposed to be named Bean.

### **The Naming of the Southern Division**

I object to the proposed name of Bean being used for the southern Division. Whenever a new electoral Division is created, dead ex-Prime Ministers should be considered for the name of that Division. Each dead ex-PM has a Division named for them except for two. One of them, Malcolm Fraser, is proposed to receive a new Victorian District dedicated to him. The other, however, is Joseph Cook. Joseph Cook, our sixth Prime Minister, has long festered without a Division in his honour. The reason for this is clear: a Division of Cook now exists, named for Captain James Cook. However, nothing but convention prohibits Divisions from being named with a person's full name. Therefore, to comply with the Guidelines, I contend that the augmented Commission should consider the name 'Joseph Cook' for the new Division. If Earle Page, a Prime Minister for less than a month, has his own Division, so should Joseph Cook.

If the Commission wishes to use a name already considered by the Committee, I would prefer 'Nott' to 'Bean'. 'Nott' has the advantage of being proposed by several public comments on this and the previous ACT redistricting process. 'Bean', which was considered for the first time by the Committee, has no connection to the proposed Division of Bean. The National War Memorial is located in the proposed Division of Canberra. 'Nott' is a name resonant to all Territorians due to Lewis Nott's representation of the whole Territory in Parliament.

### **Norfolk Island**

I object to the placement of Norfolk Island within the proposed Division of Bean<sup>1</sup>. The proposed Division of Bean currently contains the most voters. The registration of voters within Bean is projected to decrease, but to modestly rectify the current advantage of Bean without breaking the law on projected population, Norfolk Island should be moved to the proposed Division of Canberra. This would also have the advantage of providing Norfolk Islanders with continuity, as it is Canberra in which they currently vote.

The current and projected elector numbers for the proposed Divisions of Bean and Canberra passed upon by the Committee are as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> While I would name it 'Joseph Cook' or 'Nott', I will refer to it as 'Bean' in this section for convenience.

Proposed Division	Sep '17 Enrolment	Sep '17 % Variation from Current Quota	Jan '22 Projected Enrolment	Jan '22 % Variation from Projected Quota
Bean	100,590	+4.66%	99,415	-0.28%
Canberra	94,594	-1.58%	98,635	-1.07%

Under my proposed shift of Norfolk Island, the numbers would be as follows:

Proposed Division	Sep '17 Enrolment	Sep '17 % Variation from Current Quota	Jan '22 Projected Enrolment	Jan '22 % Variation from Projected Quota
Bean	99,857	+3.89%	98,682	-1.02%
Canberra	95,327	-0.82%	99,368	-0.33%

Norfolk Island has a current and projected voter registration of 733. It is far beyond me to question the wisdom of the ABS's determination that no Norfolk Island resident will register to vote in the next four years.

Respectfully Submitted  
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