



Suggestion 15

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Introduction

Somewhat surprisingly, the Australian Capital Territory undergoes another redistribution although the ink still drying on the previous redistribution of January 2016. This has been necessitated by the change in entitlement for the ACT to three divisions as a result of increased population in the 2016 Census.

This is good news, as the two ACT divisions were the largest in the country by some extent. It is fortuitous that those living with the ACT can now have more equal representation.

Obviously in this redistribution there are two issues that need to be addressed, namely, the location and name of a new division. With only two existing divisions, and one adjoining boundary, there are far fewer options than in larger states. The use of the Molonglo River and Lake Burley Griffin as a boundary is longstanding, however with uneven growth, and further development in the Molonglo Valley district, this solid boundary will become less and less relevant. Moving to three divisions, it will be impossible to retain this feature as a boundary for much of its course through the ACT.

Division Names

Having retired the Division of Fraser, in favour of Fenner, at the previous redistribution another name is now required. I do not believe that the Committee should consider a revival of the former third division name Namagdi. While this name is of Aboriginal origin, it is mostly a geographic descriptor, does not necessarily represent the modern ACT, and does not comply with the recommendations and guidelines for naming new divisions.

I propose that a division should be named to honour a prominent Canberra resident, and to help in this venture, I looked to the ACT Honour Walk in Canberra. The ACT Honour Walk recognises individuals from across all categories of endeavour that have made significant and sustained past contributions to the ACT. I believe that the ACT community has adequately judged individuals recognised here as holding the distinction worthy for a division to be named for them.

I narrowed my list to two options. As I previously suggested at the last redistribution, Sir John Wallace Overall CBE, MC and Arthur Thomas Shakespeare.

In the end, I decided upon the name **Shakespeare** for a division. However, we need a minor alteration first:

- I PROPOSE THAT THE EXISTING DIVISION OF CANBERRA BE RENAMED TO THE DIVISION OF SHAKESPEARE.
- I PROPOSE THAT THE NEW DIVISION BE CREATED.
- I PROPOSE THAT THE NEW DIVISION BE GIVEN THE NAME DIVISION OF CANBERRA.

This is required, given the criterion that divisions should be named after the previous division that contained the most electors, and to ensure that the division containing Parliament House and the Civic locality of Canberra is adequately named.

Mr Shakespeare is a prominent figure in the media landscape of the Australian Capital Territory. He was co-founder (with his father) of the Canberra Times daily newspaper and later on founded Capital Television, the first television station within the territory. His contributions helped shape and influence much of the current landscape of modern Canberra and his legacy remains with the newspaper and television continuing to survive to this day.



Existing Divisions

The territory appears to be experiencing large growth in the north in Gungahlin, and relatively slow growth in the south.

Growth is also experienced in Molonglo Valley district, which bisects the Molonglo River. However, at this stage most of the development is in the south adjoining Weston Creek. The development in these areas seems to be underestimated in the projections, given that a projection can only be made where existing data is available. This instantly underestimates new greenfield developments, as can be seen in the Victoria and Queensland redistributions. It is for these reasons that the Molonglo Valley should be grouped together with Weston Creek in the southern division.

The community of Weston Creek consider themselves to be distinct from other nearby districts, but would much more closely align with Woden than Tuggeranong. In the past, Weston Creek communities have requested to remain with Woden, and for the most part my suggestion honours this request.

Proposed Divisions

It would be desirable to include each district within the ACT entirely within a division. Unfortunately, the eight districts do not equally split into the three divisions, so at least one district needs to be split up.

Having renamed Canberra as Shakespeare, all references are to the new name of Shakespeare from this point. The new division will be renamed Canberra once the division has been established.

With high growth in Gungahlin, it is impossible to keep all of Belconnen and Gungahlin in the one division. However with nowhere else to gain electors from the division containing Belconnen must take at least some of Gungahlin, so this is the first district to be split. I have used Mulligans Flat Rd from the NSW border to Horse Park Dr and then via Yerrabi and Gungahlin Ponds and the channel to Ginninderra Creek. This clearly divides Gungahlin into a northern and southern half. The northern half containing Nicolls, Casey, Ngunnawal, Amaroo and Bonner, is combined with Belconnen to form **Fenner**.

The existing boundary between Fenner and **Shakespeare** is maintained along the Murrumbidgee and Molonglo Rivers, then via the Molonglo Valley District boundary to Caswell Dr. The new division having taken all of Canberra city north of the lake and the southern end of Gungahlin is still considerably under the threshold. Adding in Canberra City to the south helps somewhat, however is still under threshold. This necessitates splitting Woden; however utilising Hindmarsh Dr forms a clear and solid boundary. Those in the southern end of Woden have good connections to Tuggeranong through Athlon and Yamba Drives, as well as the Tuggeranong Pkwy, while Weston Creek remains united with parts of Woden and maintains access to Phillip via Hindmarsh Drive. The proposed Shakespeare is actually projected to have negative growth, however this is small, and unaccounted for developments in Molonglo Valley District will assist maintaining the number of electors.

Canberra is then formed by a boundary consisting of Mulligans Flat Rd, Horse Park Rd, Yerrabi Pond, water drainage channel, Gungahlin Pond, Ginninderra Creek, Barton Hwy, Gungahlin Dr, Caswell Dr, Tuggeranong Pkwy, Hindmarsh Dr, Canberra Ave to the NSW border.

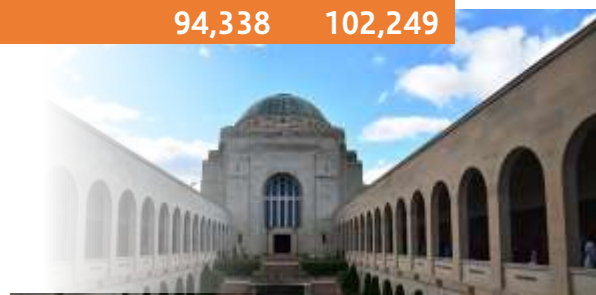
Jervis Bay Territory is still included within Fenner and Norfolk Island is included with Canberra.



Add Electors from existing Division of Canberra (Shakespeare)		Actual	Projected
	ACT - East	336	331
	Acton	729	731
	Braddon	1,869	2,056
	Campbell	3,730	3,770
	Civic	2,134	2,678
	Curtin	3,939	3,910
	Deakin	2,305	2,371
	Forrest	1,313	1,307
	Garran	2,353	2,457
	Griffith (ACT)	3,634	4,047
	Hughes	2,175	2,100
	Kingston - Barton	5,371	6,433
	Lake Burley Griffin	-	-
	Lyons (ACT)	2,073	2,182
	Majura	85	93
	Narrabundah	4,310	4,456
	Norfolk Island	733	733
	Parkes (ACT)	-	-
	Phillip	1,215	1,741
	Red Hill (ACT)	2,284	2,230
	Reid	1,209	1,174
	Turner	1,640	1,713
	Yarralumla	2,471	2,415
Canberra (Shakespeare) Total		45,908	48,928

Add Electors from existing Division of Fenner		Actual	Projected
	Ainslie	4,056	4,113
	Braddon	1,965	2,048
	Crace	2,874	3,928
	Dickson	1,654	1,618
	Downer	2,706	2,821
	Forde	2,664	3,291
	Franklin	3,792	4,769
	Gungahlin	3,559	3,852
	Gungahlin - East	18	18
	Hackett	2,264	2,303
	Harrison	4,542	5,752
	Kowen	14	14
	Lyneham	3,856	4,156
	Majura	113	124
	Mitchell	5	5
	Ngunnawal	170	189
	Nicholls	432	438
	O'Connor (ACT)	4,261	4,331
	Palmerston	3,976	3,879
	Turner	1,352	1,483
	Watson	4,157	4,189
Fenner Total		48,430	53,321

Canberra Total		94,338	102,249
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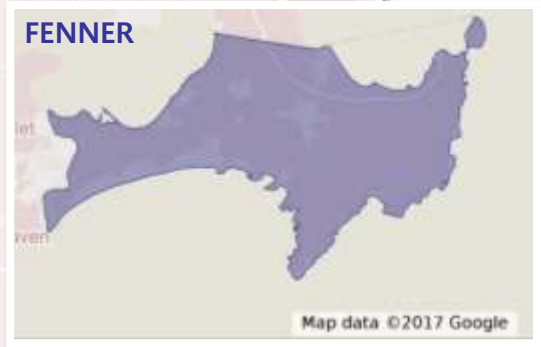
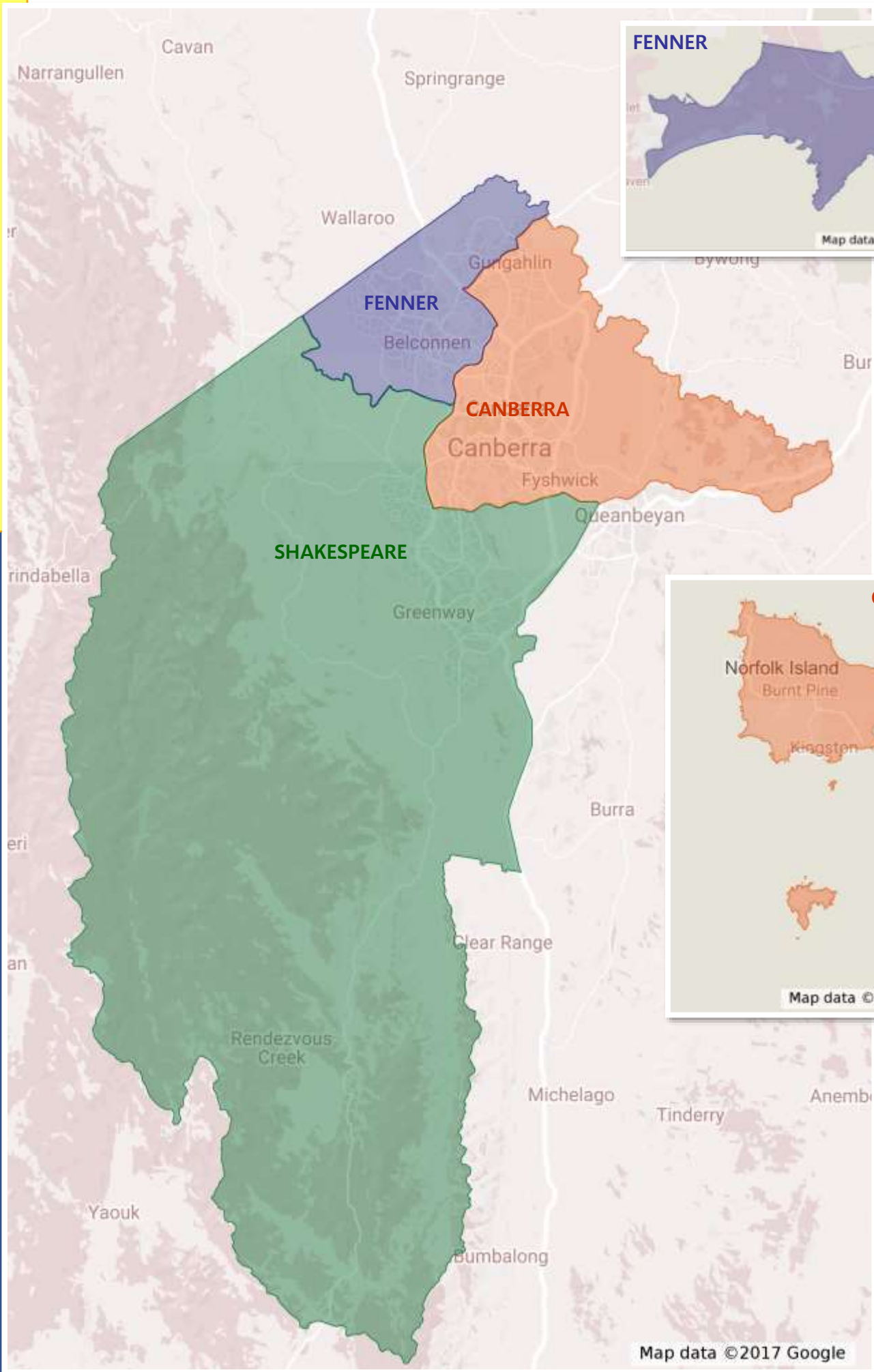


Electors retained from existing Division of Fenner		Actual	Projected
Amaroo		3,901	4,100
Aranda		1,825	1,735
Belconnen		4,032	4,579
Bonner		3,827	4,889
Bruce		4,306	4,539
Casey		3,598	4,679
Charnwood		2,148	2,031
Cook		2,194	2,074
Dunlop		4,957	5,037
Evatt		3,967	3,940
Florey		3,518	3,214
Flynn (ACT)		2,582	2,347
Fraser		1,587	1,489
Giralang		2,491	2,458
Gooromon		6	6
Gungahlin - West		1,128	1,735
Hall		327	314
Hawker		2,206	2,227
Higgins		2,258	2,177
Holt		3,443	3,298
Jervis Bay		165	165
Kaleen		5,557	5,467
Latham		2,662	2,652
Lawson		524	833
Macgregor (ACT)		4,677	4,975
Macquarie		1,971	2,021
McKellar		2,120	2,039
Melba		2,365	2,281
Molonglo		13	14
Ngunnawal		7,060	8,120
Nicholls		4,748	4,764
Page		1,993	2,011
Scullin		2,114	2,125
Spence		1,934	1,945
Weetangera		1,941	1,880
Fenner Total		94,145	98,160



Electors retained from existing Division of Canberra		Actual	Projected
	ACT - East	240	229
	ACT - South West	3,691	5,668
	Banks	3,618	3,502
	Bonython	2,860	2,722
	Calwell	4,379	4,241
	Chapman	2,179	2,077
	Chifley	1,773	1,664
	Chisholm	3,938	3,793
	Conder	3,803	3,651
	Duffy	2,410	2,274
	Fadden	2,387	2,278
	Farrer	2,539	2,355
	Fisher	2,238	2,113
	Gilmore	2,043	1,962
	Gordon (ACT)	5,870	5,659
	Gowrie (ACT)	2,357	2,352
	Greenway	1,348	1,475
	Holder	2,057	1,901
	Hume	22	26
	Isaacs	1,954	1,857
	Isabella Plains	3,166	3,121
	Kambah	11,558	11,032
	Macarthur	1,141	1,127
	Mawson	2,264	2,382
	Molonglo	6	6
	Monash	4,257	4,192
	Mount Taylor	2	2
	Namadgi	35	46
	O'Malley	767	804
	Oxley (ACT)	1,311	1,230
	Pearce	1,957	1,952
	Phillip	613	708
	Richardson	2,240	2,113
	Rivett	2,356	2,375
	Stirling	1,533	1,497
	Theodore	2,845	2,704
	Torrens	1,636	1,540
	Tuggeranong	26	26
	Wanniassa	5,843	5,532
	Waramanga	1,938	1,845
	Weston	2,663	2,655
Shakespeare (Canberra) Total		99,863	98,688





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