



Outline maps of the proposed boundaries have been published in *The Canberra Times*, *The Chronicle* and the *South Coast Register*. More detailed maps and the reasons for the Redistribution Committee's proposals are contained in the Committee's Report, published on 29 June 1994.

This report is available for inspection from the existing Divisional offices of Fraser and Canberra and all Australian Electoral Commission capital city head offices. Copies of the report are available from the Commission's Central Office at West Block in Parkes in the Australian Capital Territory, where the report can also be inspected.

**Objections**

Objections to the Committee's proposals concerning names or boundaries may be lodged with the Committee until 27 July 1994.

If any objections are received by this date, they will be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission which consists of the Redistribution Committee for the ACT together with the Hon. Trevor Morling QC (the Chairman of the Australian Electoral Commission) and Mr Ian Castles (the Australian Statistician and non-judicial member).

The augmented Electoral Commission has 60 days in which to consider these objections, hold public hearings if necessary, and make a revised redistribution proposal if it thinks that it is warranted. The augmented Commission may also consider any further objections that may be lodged against the revised proposal. Once these processes are completed, the augmented Commission will make a final determination of Divisional boundaries and names.

Details of the determination are published and a report tabled in Parliament. The final determination is not subject to appeal.

**Background**

Redistributions aim to achieve equal representation in the Divisions of any one State or the Australian Capital Territory (the Northern Territory is currently one Division).

At the time of the redistribution, the number of people enrolled in each electoral Division may not vary from the 'quota' or average by more than 10%. Also, boundaries are drawn so that three and half years after the redistribution, the number of people enrolled in each Division should be within plus or minus 2% of the average.

The table below shows the relevant statistics for the Australian Capital Territory Divisions proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

**What causes a Redistribution?**

Redistributions are required

- when the number of parliamentary representatives to which a State or Territory is entitled changes (this has caused the current redistribution in the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and Queensland);
- when the number of electors in more than one third of the Divisions in a State or a Division in the Australian Capital Territory deviates from the average Divisional enrolment by over 10% on three consecutive occasions;
- seven years after the last redistribution (this was the trigger for the 1991 redistribution in the Australian Capital Territory).

**Statistical Summaries of the proposed Divisions**

Proposed name of Division	Number of electors 26 May 1994	% above or below quota 26 May 1994	Projected enrolment 31 March 1998	% above or below quota 31 March 1998
Canberra	70390	+9.93	70383	+0.29
Fraser	58776	-8.21	68979	-1.71
Namadgi	62930	-1.72	71176	+1.42

