



Submission S15

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To the Redistribution Committee for the Australian Capital Territory,

Thank you for receiving my submission for the 2025 Australian Capital Territory Federal Redistribution.

With only 2 divisions outside of projected tolerance, the obvious solution is to simply transfer the part of Phillip north of Hindmarsh Drive from **Bean** to **Canberra**, a total transfer of 3,253 electors or 1.01% of the total.

However, I suggest a slightly more involved redistribution in order to alleviate the current splits of Belconnen and Woden Valley Districts, better balance elector counts and promote clearer boundaries.

Molonglo Valley District is the ACT's main growth area and given its strong transport connections to Central Canberra as well as to the parts of Belconnen currently in the division it would be a suitable inclusion in **Canberra**.

In return, **Canberra** can transfer the majority or all of Woden Valley to **Bean**, in order to position this division firmly as a Southern ACT division.

The Committee may also consider returning Norfolk Island to its previous home in **Canberra** as a way to better balance elector numbers.

Following the 3 suggestions outlined below would lead to a total transfer of 21,238 electors, or 6.60% of the total.

LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

- **A:** Transfer Giralang, Lawson and the western part of Bruce from **Canberra** to **Fenner**
- **B:** Transfer Molonglo Valley District from **Bean** to **Canberra**
- **C:** Transfer the part of Woden Valley west of Yarra Glen from **Canberra** to **Bean**

SUGGESTION A: Transfer Giralang, Lawson and the western part of Bruce from **Canberra to **Fenner****

While **Fenner** is within tolerance, it is projected to decline and it would be appropriate to boost the enrolment of this division. The suburbs of Giralang and Lawson are located nearby to the centres of Belconnen and Gungahlin and would be clearly separated from **Canberra** by parkland and Baldwin Drive. This boundary could be further extended to take in the part of Bruce west of Haydon Drive, improving on the current boundary which cuts along a number of roads adjacent to central Belconnen.

SUGGESTION B: Transfer Molonglo Valley District from **Bean to **Canberra****

and

SUGGESTION C: Transfer the part of Woden Valley west of Yarra Glen from **Canberra to **Bean****

The most straightforward solution to addressing the out-of-tolerance **Bean** and **Canberra** is to transfer the part of Phillip north of Hindmarsh Drive, however this effectively splits the centre of Woden Valley and limits the number of electors that can be used to top up **Fenner**.

It is instead possible for **Bean** to swap Molonglo Valley District for most or all of **Canberra**'s share of Woden Valley District. This would better consolidate Woden Valley in **Bean** while also ensuring that this division does not need to cross north of the Molonglo River.

Molonglo Valley's strongest transport connections are to the east and north, and so this district would be a suitable inclusion in **Canberra**.

Overall, this exchange would unify more districts and lead to more compact divisions for the ACT, at a relatively low number of electors moved.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

***Fenner** gains more of Belconnen District while **Bean** and **Canberra** swap Molonglo Valley District for the majority of Woden Valley District.*

