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Dear Commissioner,

I write on behalf of the Canberra Liberals regarding the redistribution required to create five electorates of equal size for the 2016 election.

Boundaries

The Canberra Liberals are of the view that electorates should seek to group communities of interest and minimise the breaking-up of districts. As such, the Party asks the Commission to consider the following boundaries:

	Option 1	Option 2
Electorate 1:	All suburbs of Belconnen except Kaleen, Giralang, Lawson and Bruce	All suburbs of Belconnen except Kaleen, Giralang, Lawson, Evatt and McKellar
Electorate 2:	All suburbs of Gungahlin in addition to Kaleen, Giralang, Lawson and Bruce	All suburbs of Gungahlin in addition to Kaleen, Giralang, Lawson, Evatt and McKellar
Electorate 3:	All suburbs of the Inner North and Inner South	All suburbs of the Inner North and Inner South
Electorate 4:	All suburbs of Woden Valley and Weston Creek in addition to Kambah	All suburbs of Woden Valley and Weston Creek in addition to Kambah
Electorate 5:	All suburbs of Tuggeranong except Kambah	All suburbs of Tuggeranong except Kambah

The above options limit the dividing of Districts to two (Tuggeranong and Belconnen) and seek to include significant roads as boundaries. The electorates also include Town Centres or the City as components of each electorate. Whilst these options aren't perfect, they seek to appropriately meet the perhaps conflicting objectives of grouping communities while adhering to the Electoral Act.

Names

The Canberra Liberals believe that the Commission should seek five new names for electorates. As it is unlikely that all incumbents will remain in three electorates, it is not fair that some MLAs could be perceived to be continuing in an electorate whilst others are 'perceived to be moving' to a new one. Using new names for each of the five electorates will remove this problem.

Sincerely,



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