

To the Redistribution Committee

I wish to make the following submission in connection with the names of new electorates for the ACT. I have no comment on where the precise boundaries should be.

As the exercise of redrawing the boundaries of 5 instead of 3 ACT electorates is occurring in 2015, in the centenary of the completion of the survey of the ACT's own border, it may be fitting that the electorates honour the surveyors involved in that original exercise. While the most appropriate names may be influenced by where the new boundaries are drawn, including in connection with whether simply to add two extra names or to rename all the existing electorates, I have suggestions on several themes:

First, the name given to the existing sprawling electorate of Molonglo could be retired in favour of three new names commemorating the original border surveyors Percy Sheaffe, Harry Mouat and Freddie Johnston, whose details are well documented by ACTPLA.

[http://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools\\_resources/survey-data-maps/surveying\\_data/surveyors\\_information/field\\_books/border\\_survey](http://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/survey-data-maps/surveying_data/surveyors_information/field_books/border_survey)

As Sheaffe commenced the work along the northern and eastern boundaries, Mouat continued along the western boundary and Johnston completed the work around the southern end of the Territory, it would be fitting if practicable for any electorates bearing their names to be oriented in the same configuration, with Sheaffe in the north, Mouat more central (perhaps coincidentally including Mouat Street in Lyneham) and Johnston in the south.

Alternatively, given the existing names tend to relate to geographical features, then complementing a Belconnen-based electorate of Ginninderra, a Tuggeranong-based electorate of Brindabella and a central electorate of Molonglo, could be a Gungahlin-based electorate of Majura and a south-Canberra based electorate of Tennent, both acknowledging dominant local mountain features.

A third option, based on historical connections, especially for a southern electorate would be to revisit the names of some of the counties and parishes that were subsumed by the newly formed federal capital territory in 1913, namely Murray, Cowley, Gigerline or Cuppacumbalong.

Finally, if there is an appetite for Aboriginal names, then I nominate Mugga-Mugga in the south and Gungahlin in the north.

Good luck with your deliberations. I look forward to hearing the outcome of your process in due course.

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