

Hello, I'd like to make some last-minute suggestions about the names of the five proposed electorates:

I feel that all three current names should be dropped as using them for entirely new electorates could only create confusion. For example, using Molonglo sits uneasily with the new Molonglo district. I consider this bad enough with federal electorates. I contend that it's best to start again with new names for this new system.

I also feel that the names should retain some form of geographical basis, but could also bear ACT identities and history in mind.

At present, there seem to be at least approximate areas that cover the five electorates. I'd like to suggest the following:

Weston Creek/Woden electorate: I'd like to suggest the name of **Weston**. It's reminiscent of the western nature of this electorate, and it will retain both the entire Weston Creek district, suburb of Weston and Weston Park. It can also be seen as being in the memory of early ACXT figure Thomas Weston.

Tuggeranong electorate: Tuggeranong sounds appropriate, but **Lanyon** sounds better. This electorate retains the Lanyon homestead, which is where William Farrer did his historical wheat-breeding work. It's a name that linked with Farrer to the north, and the Namadgi park to the south.

Belconnen electorate: I suggest **Florey**. This electorate has the suburb of Florey, and can be said to be in the memory of medical pioneer William Florey, whose work on penicillin had world-wide effects.

Nth/Sth Canberra electorate; I'd be tempted to suggest Molonglo, which divides North from South, but that name is likely to cause confusion. I suggest **Griffin**, at once a reference to Lake Burley Griffin and to Walter Burley Griffin.

Gungahlin electorate: Gungahlin itself sounds tempting, but perhaps **Palmerston** is more central in it. The name can also be said to honour the Palmer family who lived in that area.

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