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Dear Committee Members

ACT Legislative Assembly Electoral Boundaries Redistribution 2003

The Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) welcomes this opportunity to contribute to the ACT Legislative Assembly Electoral Boundaries Redistribution 2003.

Of primary importance to Weston Creek residents is the electoral integrity of our district. There is a very strong belief within our district - again expressed at our last meeting of 28 May 2003 - that Weston Creek is a distinct and generally homogeneous community. Our community strongly believes that this electoral integrity must be maintained in any future redistribution.

It is recognised that the current electoral distribution has detached small portions of the Woden Valley district and the Gungahlin district and placed these portions into neighbouring electorates. Such arrangements are not be ideal because local communities are split, but they may be necessary and unavoidable arrangements given other constraints such as enrolment numbers and the maximum permissible variation from each electorate's quota.

On reviewing all of the current and projected enrolment statistics, it is noted that the current electorate boundaries satisfy the requirement of maintaining a maximum variation of ± 5% from the expected quota for both the actual persons enrolled and for the projected persons enrolled for all three electorates.

Therefore, the WCCC recommends that the Committee avoid splitting local communities, and if this is not possible, that the current electorate boundaries be left unchanged. It is also preferred that our district remains in a seven-member Molonglo electorate.

Yours faithfully

(signed)

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Chairperson, Weston Creek Community Council