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Dear Sir/Madam

**Weston Creek Community Council Submission into the ACT Federal
Electorate Distribution**

The Weston Creek Community Council [WCCC] welcomes the opportunity to comment on the federal Re-Distribution of the ACT Electorates. Council is aware that this Submission is late but would ask that it be considered as comment on the proposed boundaries.

The issue at hand is how Canberra has been developed into a series of Town Centres which provides services to the surrounding suburbs. In the case of Woden, the Town Centre is the centre for the Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Districts.

The proposed boundaries split the Woden Valley into two electorates. This has been catastrophic for the Woden Town Centre where, under the ACT Electorate boundaries for at least 8 years, the District was split in two as is proposed here by this Re-distribution.

The Woden Town Centre is the social and economic hub for Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo and under the proposed distribution, not only will the Woden community be split, the Town Centre will be separated from the majority of the community is services.

With the ACT Electorate changes finally putting Woden back together again in 2016, it would be tragic for the Federal Re-Distribution to again split this community. The suburbs of Lyons, Curtin, Hughes, Garran and Phillip should be included in the electorate of Bean.

Council would ask that the electorate boundaries are reconsidered with a view to keeping the Woden community together and for the Woden Town Centre to be located within the communities it services.

Council thanks the committee for the opportunity to comment.

Tom Anderson
Chair
Weston Creek Community Council

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