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Dear Committee Members,

I write to you in objection to the second proposed redistribution under the 2019 NT Electoral Boundary Redistribution.

I am disappointed by the lack of consideration for the points raised in my previous submissions. Creating an electorate with such a large number of urban residents, alongside a large number of both rural residents and remote area residents will result in an electorate with hugely opposing needs.

I believe that a priority of the Redistribution Committee should be the reduction of barriers for all Territorians to actively participate in democracy. Focussing solely on quotas diminishes the rights of remote Aboriginal Territorians to full democratic participation.

I also note that the Redistribution Committee's report on the second proposed redistribution shows modelling on my proposal to transfer Finke and Titjikala into the Stuart electorate from Namatjira. The report indicates that moving these communities would result in the movement of 335 electors. This would cause the total number of Stuart electors to increase to 5,824 and total Namatjira electors to decrease to 5,261. I would like to again encourage the committee to revisit this proposal as I believe it is in the best interests of the Pitjantjatjara speaking communities to remain together. I am confident that given the current trends of new electors in Alice Springs it would only be a matter of time until a sufficient quota in Namatjira would be achieved.

I urge you to reconsider the urbanisation of the Namatjira electorate and the separation of Pitjantjatjara speaking communities into different electorates. Communities of interest matter. We need to prioritise the needs of our remote areas.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office to discuss these matters further.

Yours sincerely,



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**Member for Namatjira**

