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Objections to proposed electoral boundary changes now online

The 2019 NT Electoral Boundary Redistribution Committee has received 15 submissions to its proposed changes to the NT Legislative Assembly's electoral boundaries.

The submissions, which include 10 objections to the proposed changes, are now available for public viewing on the NT Electoral Commission's website.

The NT Legislative Assembly's electoral boundaries are being redrawn in preparation for the 22 August 2020 election.

The Redistribution Committee published its first proposed redistribution of the NT into 25 electorates on 13 May 2019 and invited objections to the proposals by 14 June 2019.

The committee proposed that:

- to accommodate the elector growth in Araluen and Braitling, both divisions decrease in size with Namatjira gaining these urban electors;
- Namatjira contract in size, due to the number of electors it gains from Araluen and Braitling, with some remote areas of Namatjira moving to Barkly and Stuart;
- increases in remote electors to Barkly and Stuart from Namatjira, result in these divisions losing remote electors from their northern boundaries to Arnhem and Daly respectively;
- Katherine lose a number of its rural and remote electors to Arnhem;
- Arafura gain Kakadu and Jabiru from Arnhem;
- Nelson gain a portion of Berrimah from Spillett;
- Spillett contract towards Palmerston, losing the airport to Sanderson, while Eaton, The Narrows, and Winnellie move to Fong Lim; and a portion of Berrimah goes to Nelson; it retains 'Northcrest';
- Coconut Grove electors in Fannie Bay move to Johnston and Nightcliff;
- Goyder, Karama, Nhulunbuy and Port Darwin (four divisions) remain unchanged;
- Nhulunbuy be renamed Mulka and Stuart be renamed Gwoya.

The Redistribution Committee will consider the objections to determine if further changes to the Territory's electoral boundaries are required.

To view submissions on the proposed redistribution go to:

ntec.nt.gov.au/Electoral-divisions/2019-NT-Electoral-Boundary-Redistribution

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