

Find attached my preposal for the 2023 redistribution of northern territory divisions. In my preposal all 25 divisions are brought around to nearly equal representation. The commission should use this as a guide and the numbers suggested are a recommendation and should be done as near as practicle. Some divisions I have left unchanged due to being already near quota and decided they are close enough to quota to not need disturb the already established division. Others that are more substantially outside quota have changed to bring them closer to the quota. I have made a few name change suggestions which I explain at the end of my suggestion.

Arafura gains 600 voters from Mulka

Araluen - no change -

Arnhem - no change

Barkly gains 200 voters from Gwoja

Blain - No change

Braitling - no change

Brennan - no change

Casuarina - gains 400 voters from Wanguri

Daly gains 100 voters from Katherine, 400 voters from Goyder

Drysdale - no change

Fannie Bay - gains 400 voters from Fong Lim - the namesake should be changed to be after the body of water not the locality.

Fong Lim - gains 1000 voters from Spillett - renamed Port Darwin

Goyder - 200 voters from Spillett, 200 voters from Arafura - renamed Mary after the Mary river

Gwoja gains 700 voters Daly

Johnston - gains 100 voters from Casurina

Karama - gains 200 voters from Wanguri

Katherine - no change

Mulka - no change

Namatjira - no change

Nelson - no change

Nightcliff - gains 200 voters from Casurina

Port Darwin - unchanged - renamed Darwin

Sanderson - gains 300 voters from Fong Lim

Spillett gains 200 voters from Drysdale - renamed Port Darwin

Wanguri - unchanged

The commission should consider naming divisions after geographical features and not individuals when conducting future redistributions and recommending parliament change or repeal the legislation that states locality names should be avoided

as is the case in all other state divisions in Australia as it is less divisive and provides a much smoother process and if a suburb moves out of a division it can easliy be renamed in other states at a state level districts are often named after the population centre epecially in the inner city. I have proposed the renaming of four divisions on this occasion, two of which are undergoing changes of at least 15% that being Spillett and Fong Lim. The other two are Port Darwin to Darwin which is

consistent with other states whose cbd is named after the city while changing the Port Darwin to the division in which the actual

port is now located being either Fong Lim or Spillett with the other being named afer the population centre as is the case with most

of Darwin. The other division to be renamed is Goyder to Mary after the Mary river and to enable that name to be available at the

time of federal redistribution as to not conflict with the policy of having duplicate names of divisions at state and federal level.

Other divisions can be renamed at future redistributions when undergoing a significant change.

RECOMMENDATION - The commission should consider providing data on the number of electors in each Local Government Area and well as each unincorporated areas so suggestions can be made with more details. Data on website is outdated and doesnt provide details on individual unincorporated areas. When the snapshot is taken it should provide up to date data on the numbers of electors so as to make the redistribution process easier as it would enable them to combine Local Government Areas into one elctorate where possible.