



2019 NT Electoral Boundary Redistribution

Call for public suggestions invited for the 2019 NT Electoral Boundary Redistribution

Northern Territory residents will soon be invited to suggest how Legislative Assembly boundaries for the 2020 Territory election might look, NT Electoral Commissioner, Mr Iain Loganathan said today.

“The public consultation process for the redistribution of the NT Legislative Assembly’s electoral boundaries will officially commence on Wednesday 27 February with a call for public submissions,” Mr Loganathan said.

Electoral boundaries are reviewed before each Legislative Assembly election in accordance with the object and matters set out in the *Electoral Act*. Any changes become effective at the next general election; the redistribution will take at least six months to complete.

“The Redistribution Committee consists of the Electoral Commissioner, Iain Loganathan; the Surveyor-General, Rob Sarib; the Auditor-General, Julie Crisp and the appointed chair, Acting Justice Trevor Riley.

“The Redistribution Committee will publish an official notice, inviting suggestions for boundaries and names for Northern Territory electorates, on 27 February. A copy of the public notice will appear in the NT News, Katherine Times, Tennant Creek Times and Centralian Advocate” Mr Loganathan said.

Any interested persons or organisations will have until 29 March to make a submission to the Redistribution Committee. Information to assist in the preparation of submissions is available on the NTEC website ntec.nt.gov.au. This information includes a redistribution guide, current enrolment numbers (by division and SA1s), and maps of current electoral boundaries and an ABS projection of enrolment numbers at the next election on 22 August 2020. Submission received will then be made available for public comment from 1 April until 15 April 2019.

After considering the public submissions, the Redistribution Committee will publish a first proposed redistribution of the Northern Territory into 25 electorates. Public comment will then be sought on the proposed boundaries with people having 30 days in which to object to the proposed boundaries.

One key requirement for the redistribution is that at the time of the next general election, the number of electors in each proposed division is as near to equal as practicable

When redrawing the electoral boundaries, the Redistribution Committee is also required to take into account of the community of interests, including economic, social and regional interests; means of communication and travel; the physical features and area of each proposed electorate; the boundaries of existing electorates; and the boundaries of suburban divisions and sections.

Enrolment statistics and further detailed information is now available from the NT Electoral Commission’s website – ntec.nt.gov.au.

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