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Good afternoon,

The CLP have concerns with the proposed redistribution and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss them with the Panel before submitting our objection.

- Darwin Northern Suburbs as a whole are ~1,000 pax beneath quota
- Palmerston is 1300+ pax above quota
- The proposed redistribution utilises Nelson and Karama as the conduit to transfer ~500 pax from Palmerston to the Northern Suburbs, partially addressing the quota imbalance.
- It is reasonable to assume that:
 - Palmerston will continue to grow
 - As quota increases, the deficit in the Northern Suburbs grows.
 - Over time, Palmerston will gain a seat, and Darwin will lose one.
- The logical progression of this proposed redistribution is that Nelson becomes the 5th seat of Palmerston and Karama becomes a rural seat, this is highly unusual.
- Moving Zuccoli into Brennan requires large elector movements in Brennan, Drysdale and Blain this redistribution, and guarantees large movements in those electorates in subsequent redistributions as Zuccoli continues to grow.
- While we can appreciate the logic of spreading the growth areas over multiple electorates, it is far less disruptive to the electors for Spillet to contract over time into Zuccoli.
- Fong Lim lends itself far better than Karama to spanning the gap between Darwin and Palmerston:
 - Marlow's Lagoon is far better aligned with North Crest than the rural area
 - RAAF Darwin and The Narrows share commonalities with the other airport-adjacent suburbs of Northlakes, Berrimah and Marrara and could be moved into Sanderson to allow the Northern Suburbs to be brought up to quota with minimal impact.
- If the Panel has an appetite for electorates being left substantially over quota, as in Mulka, there is a minimally disruptive solution to Palmerston:

Spillet 91% (based on Feb figures, presumably higher on the projected figures)

Brennan 111% (Palmerston CBD could be moved to Spillet to bring both electorates closer to Quota)

Drysdale 111%

Blain 110%

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