

Date: November 10, 2025

To:

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Subject: Submission Regarding Inclusion of Springbank within the Calgary-Bow Electoral Division

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to Alberta's electoral boundary review process. I am writing to express support for the inclusion of the Springbank community within the Calgary-Bow electoral division.

Springbank and Calgary-Bow function as a single, interconnected community. Residents of Springbank depend daily on Calgary's west end for employment, healthcare, education, shopping, and recreation. The two areas are linked by shared infrastructure, including the Trans-Canada Highway and Stoney Trail, which serve as economic and social corridors rather than dividing lines.

From a governance and service-delivery standpoint, Calgary-Bow is already home to the institutions and facilities that directly support Springbank residents. Aligning these communities under a single MLA would create more effective representation, reduce duplication in advocacy, and strengthen coordination around shared priorities such as transportation planning, school capacity, and emergency services.

This proposed adjustment would remain well within the population variance thresholds established by the Commission, ensuring balance while enhancing representation that reflects real, lived communities of interest. Moreover, the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board already treats Springbank and West Calgary as a single functional region, reinforcing the natural alignment of these communities.

Including Springbank within Calgary-Bow would:

- Reflect the integrated economic, social, and service patterns that already define the region;
- Promote effective, community-based representation on shared local issues; and
- Uphold the core principle of effective representation as set out in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

This adjustment respects both municipal and geographic realities and will ensure that the residents of Calgary's west side and Springbank continue to have unified and consistent representation in the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this submission and for your continued dedication to ensuring all Albertans are fairly and effectively represented.

Sincerely,

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Deryck Greer

President

Calgary-Bow Constituency Association

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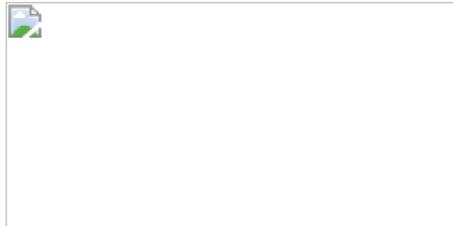


Interim Report Submission from Joni Kert

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

My family all reside in the current Highwood constituency and raise concerns over the proposed option to joining Okotoks and Calgary in a combined division. I have no faith that our more rural life will be addressed fairly if combined with an urban center - we are dedicated conservatives here, the hybrid electoral option has the real risk of pitting values and losing effectiveness of representation - with the real potential of losing a conservative seat in fact. I have sincere doubts that a combined constituency association will adequately represent our population and further I am concerned that urban residents have very different issues and challenges than we do here in Highwood - not only lifestyle but also from a constituency association perspective - fundraising, policy submissions, membership etc. Please do not use this electoral option and maintain our link to Diamond Valley (option B)

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Okotoks

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I disagree with Proposal 24 Calgary-Okotoks. Including a portion of Calgary Shaw into the primarily urban and small-town Okotoks populations creates a mix of large-urban rural populations which will result in opposing needs and conflicting issues. The resulting ineffective representation will cause concern for all.

I prefer the Option 24B, Okotoks-Diamond Valley. Population demographics and electorate needs would be far more aligned than the Calgary-Okotoks would be.

I strongly recommend Okotoks-Diamond Valley.

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Message

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to register my opposition towards the Electoral Boundrie's Commissions recomendation to make changes to the northern municipal electoral boundaries. The current boundaries are fine. Any change would be unfair to the MLAs as well as the constituents due to the size these ridings would become.

thanks

Zach Hein

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Municipality / City

Slave Lake

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I do not support the new guidelines that are proposed as they give northern Alberta less representation. We are the economic driver of Alberta yet, our voice will be lessened by the urban voice. This is not fair

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Interim Report Submission from Audrey Attfield

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Municipality / City

Smith

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What is your current electoral division?

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

I consent to this email being read in the Alberta Legislative Assembly

To Whom it May Concern.

It becomes increasingly obvious that the vision of our province has evolved from one of settlement to resource allocation, sales, and shipment. I might suggest, therefore, that we use a new model in regards to determining the needs of Northern Alberta.

While not cheapening the beauty of the land and it's environmental considerations, I suggest viewing the area north of Westlock and St Albert, up to the eastern, western and Northern Alberta borders as a business, with the legislature as "head office".

In this way, the unique requirements of this area gain some clarity. The main issue at hand today is representation. In the case of Northern Alberta, this has less to do with regular politics and more to do with the ability to report, in almost real time, to the legislature. This means, more representation provides a more accurate picture of how the area is functioning. If we are to lead the energy and natural resource area of world economics, the better we function, the greater we become.

More representation allows for the people with boots on the ground to report in more efficiently what the specific needs are. Perhaps roadways are inefficient in one place, tradeschools and apprenticeship opportunities in another place. Basics like fuel prices, tire quality, and vehicle costs are a hindrance. Entrepreneurship may be lagging because of red tape. These and any other issue can be relayed to the legislature via representation. Again, in real time.

This current government has been excellent at looking to hear from Albertans. My only suggestion here, is that we use our current political system in a more robust way. Using representation to hear from the local people and businesses. If they do not do their job, they are held accountable by vote.

Let's work hard to adapt to a new world, with renewed vision.

Thank you, Audrey Attfield
Smith, Alberta

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Interim Report Submission from Josh Bishop

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What is your current electoral division?

74 - Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Alberta is often concerned about representation fairness in federal elections and rural Alberta feels the same way about our Provincial elections. Elections are decided in a very tiny area of the province. Population weightings disproportionately favour large cities. Rural ridings are far too large of an area and produce workloads and travel burdens on the MLA's leading to decreased representation. Urban areas are way over represented already and these changes make it worse not better. Furthermore, current "rural" ridings encompass so many cities and towns that the rural voice is further drowned out by the urbans within the so called rural riding. To the benefit of all Albertans, especially the urbans, lets us have effective representation so that we can continue to have resilient communities to deliver the cities the food and resources they require but do not understand how it arrived at the store.

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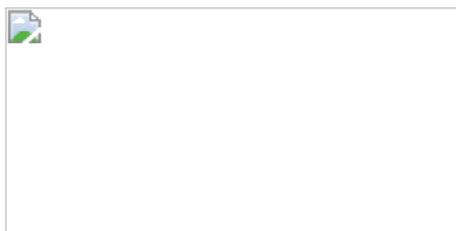


Interim Report Submission from Tiffany Belesky

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Joussard

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed boundary changes that remove Jousard from the Lesser Slave Lake region and place our community into the proposed Mackenzie electoral division. After reviewing the Commission's interim map, I believe this change will weaken our representation and disconnect us from the communities we naturally work, live, and interact with. The current alignment has served our region effectively for many years, and there is no demonstrated need to reorganize a structure that already reflects our community of interest.

Jousard's connections are firmly tied to Slave Lake and High Prairie (we will not be connected to either now) and the communities surrounding Lesser Slave Lake. These are the places we depend on for healthcare, schooling, emergency services, shopping, recreation, and community life. In contrast, we have virtually no connection to the northern centers of High Level or La Crete. Moving Jousard into a riding dominated by distant northern communities does not reflect our day-to-day needs, challenges, or priorities. The current Lesser Slave Lake configuration supports a cohesive and interconnected region, and altering it risks creating more harm than benefit.

This proposed change also creates a significant barrier to democratic access. If the Mackenzie MLA is based in High Level, which is the most likely outcome,

Joussard residents would be five to seven hours away from their representative. This makes it extremely difficult to attend constituency meetings, access in-person services, or raise local concerns directly. No community should be placed in a position where meaningful contact with their MLA becomes impractical because of distance. Effective representation requires reasonable access, and the current Lesser Slave Lake riding already provides this.

The Lesser Slave Lake region is a long-established and well-functioning community of interest. Communities around the lake share highways, school systems, Indigenous partnerships, business networks, and cultural ties. These natural connections support both governance and service delivery. Keeping these communities together is logical and consistent with how residents live and work. Moving Joussard into the Mackenzie riding breaks apart a cohesive regional identity in a way that does not reflect our lived reality.

The Mackenzie riding is already extremely large and geographically challenging, stretching from the Northwest Territories border down toward the southern edge of Lesser Slave Lake. Adding Joussard does not meaningfully assist with population balancing and instead places our community in a riding where our voice risks being overshadowed by much larger northern population centers with very different priorities and needs.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider placing Joussard in the proposed Mackenzie electoral division. Our community functions naturally and effectively within the Lesser Slave Lake region and would be best served by remaining aligned with the communities that share our economic, cultural, and geographic connections. Thank you for taking the time to consider the impact these proposed boundaries will have on Joussard and our surrounding region.

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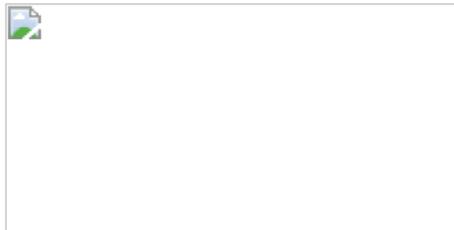


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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I think the population and landscape throughout the new proposed riding are vastly different and we won't be represented fairly.

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

I do not agree with the proposed boundary change to eradicate the lesser Slave Lake riding and combine the majority of that area with the McKenzie. The lesser Slave Lake riding should remain as is because this region has its own unique identity geographical challenges and should not be grouped with a large portion of Northern Alberta. The communities municipalities and indigenous communities in this region are already underrepresented in our provincial government and this would only further the problem.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

Our main area of connection is slave lake or high prairie not 5 hrs away!

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Municipality / City

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation

Submission

Okotoks is its own community, as is Diamond Valley but the two shares features. People who live in these communities have chosen a way of life that is vastly different from those who live in Calgary. We are new to Alberta. Our family moved from BC at the end of August 2024. We came to Okotoks, not Calgary. We actually trialled SW Calgary first, and after four days it was a clear no-go. Calgary is a lovely place, no doubt, but we go to Calgary for the airport and IKEA and Jack Singer Concert Hall. Have you been to Okotoks? It has everything a person needs and it's a world away from a dense, urban environment. I can count the number of times we've been to Calgary in the last sixteen months, on two hands. It is representatively unethical to merge part of Calgary and Okotoks for any purposes that are related to one's community. Okotoks deserves its own voice. Okotoks is its own community and it's thriving in its own special way and you cannot ethically quash that voice by burying it in a place that is experientially several hours away. Our concerns are different. Our lives are different. Our daily experiences are different and our voices deserve to be heard alongside our common rural and small-town neighbours. This plan is an ivory-tower plan. It is not an in-the-grasses plan. It might makes sense on paper but it does not make sense for people. And because we are talking about electoral representation and voting, we are absolutely off paper and must pay attention to the people. Your panel has already acknowledged people would find this undesirable so you already know you have to do something different.

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What is your current electoral division?

86 - Vermillion-Lloydminster-Wainwright

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

87 - Vermillion-Lloydminster-Wainwright

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

First of all I was very impressed with the panel when we presented in Wainwright.

We noted that you did move our western boundary to Mannville as we suggested, however, you used Hwy 881 as the boundary line. This slices off a very small portion of the village to be in our CA. Our suggestion had been to use Range Road 93 (North to Hwy 631) as the boundary to take in the whole village. This would not unduly affect the CA population of Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville. We have a proposed population of 48,473 which is -11.8% and Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville is a bit over the quotient.

It would really make sense to have the entire village with us. And it is not gerrymandering as I suspect we are still the underdogs in that region. 😞

Thank you for all your hard work!

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

I am concerned about the proposal to move our community from the Lesser Slave Lake riding into the new Mackenzie riding.

Our closest MLA office could be up to five hours away in High Level, making effective representation extremely difficult. Our community has strong social, economic, and service connections to Slave Lake and High Prairie, yet neither would be in our riding under the new boundaries.

The proposed Mackenzie riding is very large and remote, and our local priorities—such as rural healthcare, wildfire response, highway maintenance, and economic development—could easily be overshadowed. Our region functions as part of the Lesser Slave Lake basin, with shared schools, transportation networks, Indigenous partnerships, and economic ties.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that our community remain within the Lesser Slave Lake riding, where our connections and interests are best represented.

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Interim Report Submission from Margaret McLaughlin

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I have concerns with Lacombe and Rocky Mountain house being I electoral boundary. Lacombe does share common community , business or workforce concerns. I do not agree with this electoral boundary change.

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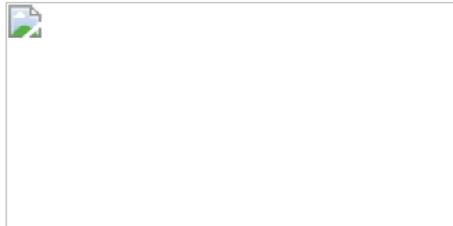


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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Central Alberta concerns
- Geographical features
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I am concerned about severing the Lacombe-Ponoka electoral division. Lacombe-Ponoka makes sense, we are very connected through highway 2 and 2A, many people live and work between the two places. Students who live in Ponoka often get bussed to Lacombe for French immersion school ~ because we belong to the same school division. Lacombe-Rocky makes no sense at all. We do not share school divisions, people do not commute between the two with the same frequency, and our local needs are not the same. I do not understand the desire to recreate this boundary when it really doesn't make any sense.

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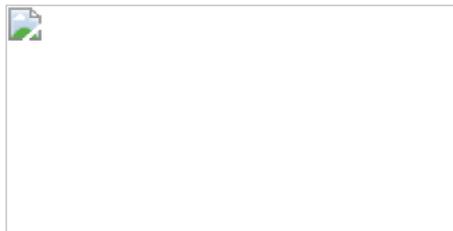
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Lacombe Ponoka Map.pdf; ED89 WETASKIWIN MASKWACIS PONOKA.pdf; ED67 LACOMBE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE.pdf;



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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

I am a constituent of the current Lacombe-Ponoka provincial riding; I live at the *far eastern edge*, in a rural hamlet overseen by the County of Lacombe (see attached PDF). My MLA is Ms. Jennifer Johnson. I have never met her; I am unaware of her ever visiting this corner of her riding, including for events in the hamlet or in nearby Alix or Clive. I have sent her e-mails expressing concerns re: public education and health care, but aside from one automated acknowledgment of receipt, I have never received a reply. I believe her constituency office is in Ponoka. Clearly her focus is not on this part of her already sizeable riding.

Having reviewed the Report on Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names; I understand the rationale surrounding the population growth in both Edmonton and Calgary -- especially the latter. That said, I cannot understand the rationale behind extending the current western boundary of Lacombe-Ponoka as far as the North Saskatchewan River and then creating a leg north of that (see PDF) almost as far up as Stony Plain. Given that Stony Plain and towns as far west as Hinton and Edson are in other ridings, it would appear that a large section of this north "leg" is unoccupied (with apologies to those few souls who might live there, far from even the smallest communities). I have searched Alberta maps, both online and in print, and any communities near this 'leg', such as Alder Flats and Buck Lake, are in other districts.

In its stated attempt to provide Alberta voters with "effective representation", rather than representation based on Average Constituency Population, it seems to me that the proposed Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House district, by including a swing west and north into a sparsely populated area at great distance from its centre, the between-Red Deer-and-Edmonton corridor, is rendering a disservice not only to the constituents of Lacombe-Ponoka but also to those of Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin and Rocky Mountain House-Sundry. I fail to see how adding only one farther-west community (Rocky Mountain House) and a large chunk of sparsely populated land will provide any of us with more effective representation.

Thus, I respectfully request that the proposed re-districting for Lacombe-Ponoka to create Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House and Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka be withdrawn, and the current electoral district of Lacombe-Ponoka remain 'as is'. Thank you.

File (Optional)

- [Lacombe-Ponoka-Map.pdf](#)
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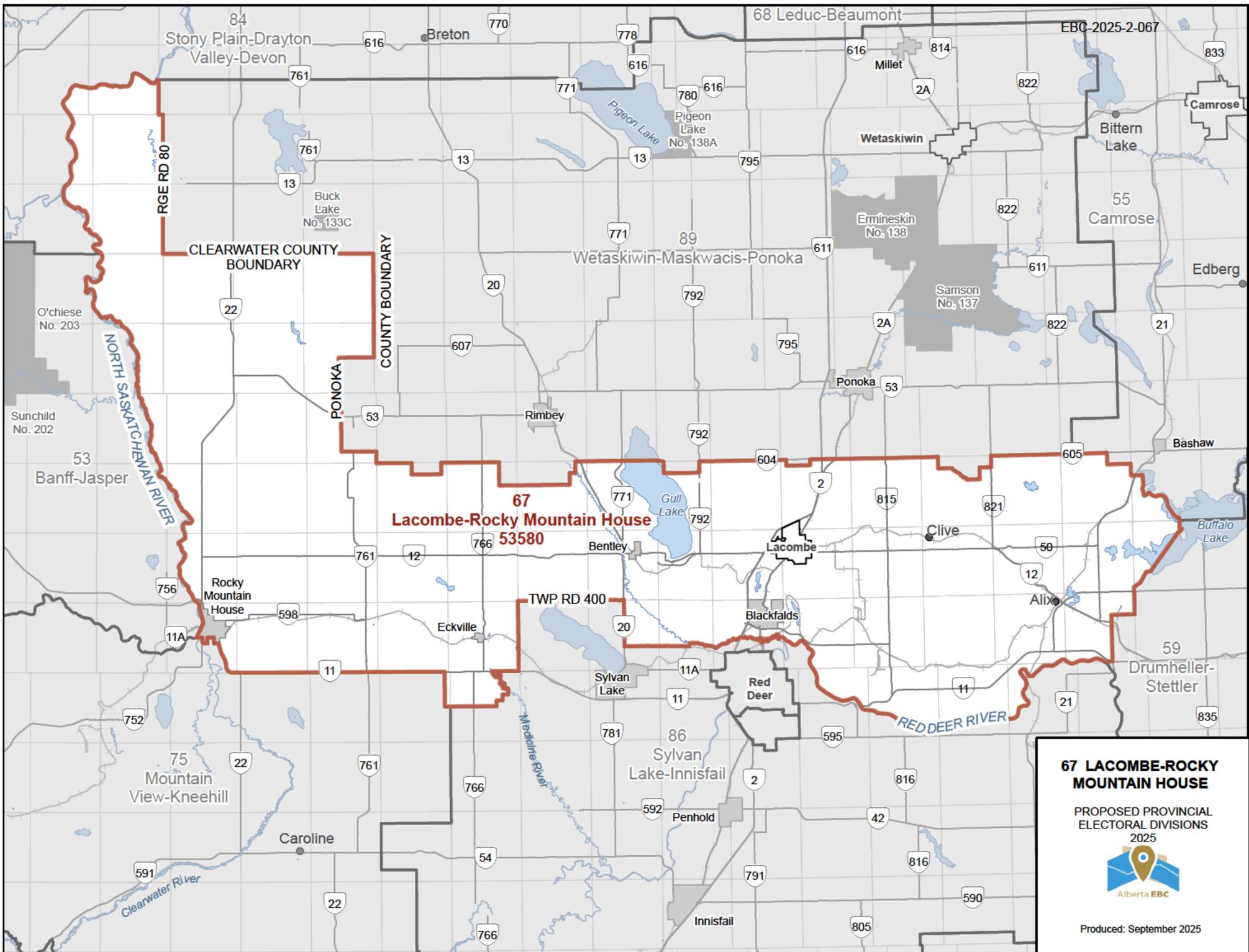
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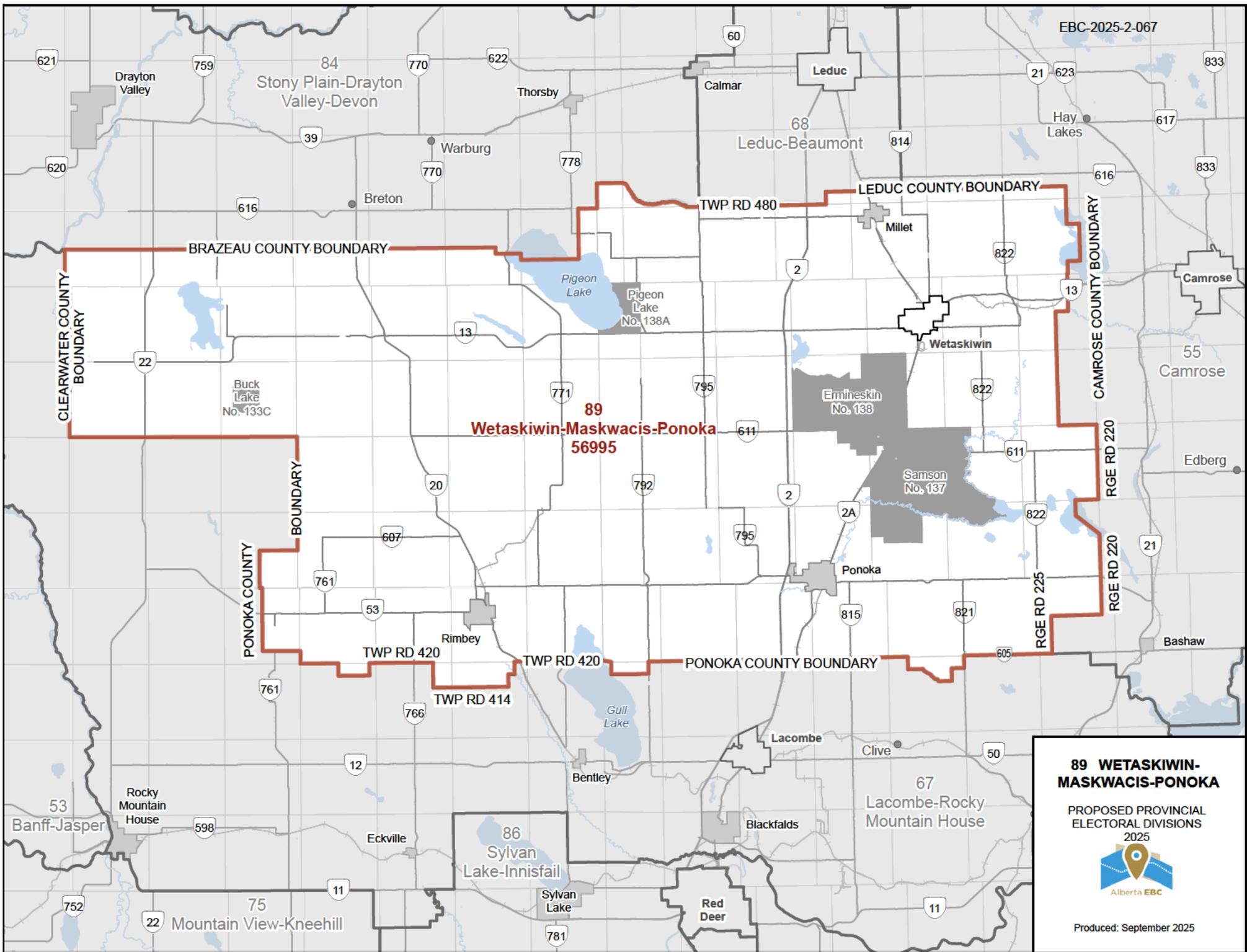


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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation

Submission

I oppose any changes to the electoral boundaries currently - the UCP has decimated this Province and we need a focus on life and death issues currently - not electoral boundaries.

if redistribution is necessary, there are ways to adjust boundaries without breaking apart coherent regions. The proposed changes sacrifice the community coherence of Lacombe-Ponoka for the creation of new constituencies in urban centres. Electoral boundaries are supposed to reflect how people actually live, not impose arbitrary lines that disrupt natural connections.

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

Splitting Rocky Mountain house , Caroline, the 3 indigenous communities, Nordegg out of Clearwater County is not appropriate.

Their schools and health care facilities are all in Rocky. It is appropriate that they stay all together. And represented as a unit.

Furthermore Nordegg has made it VERY clear they do not want to be like Banff and Jasper so why put them in a ward with those 2 communities.

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

I am concerned that the Alberta political parties have already been working within the current boundaries. This would mean that people who have been working together as one Electoral Division will be torn apart, and have to begin over again, in a short time frame before the next election. For example, the president of one of our political parties lives in an area that would no longer be part of our constituency.

Our current constituency is centred around Highway 2 in Central Alberta, and should remain that way to maintain proper driving distances (for Central Alberta).

The population of this area works for the current boundaries as well. We should not be broken apart from our closest neighbours, and the shopping patterns that have already been established.

Thank you,

Linda McKelvie

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Blackfalds

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Good Day:

I am writing to express 2 major concerns I have regarding the proposed Lacombe Rocky Mtn. House riding: This riding makes no sense if you take into the need for effective representation. The natural corridor is Blackfalds, Lacombe, Ponoka. These three communities have several cooperative projects including Water line and economic development. When you look at the East West riding proposed there is no natural transportation connection. While you can get from Lacombe to Rocky on secondary highways the route is convoluted. While this in itself does not make the proposed riding ineffectual it should be considered a serious detriment. More importantly is the lack of common interests in Lacombe, Blackfalds with Rocky Mtn House. Employment is radically different in the two areas as is economic needs. Many organizations and businesses have common management through the three communities and these will be seriously hampered when it comes to asking our representative to provide cohesive and common services. This riding proposal makes no sense and should be scrapped.

My second concern is the prejudicial naming of ridings. The existing riding should be named either Blackfalds, Lacombe Ponoka or Ponoka Blackfalds. Even the new proposed boundary names Lacombe Rocky Mtn. House rather than Lacombe, Blackfalds, Rocky Mtn house. The prejudicial aspect comes in the proposed naming of the riding to the north which is Wetaskiwin, Maskwacis, Ponoka. The previous commission stated that three community names for riding were unnecessary and cumbersome when Blackfalds council petitioned to have their name included. Again the proposed riding names does not include Blackfalds which has a substantially greater population than Rocky Mtn, House and Ponoka.

In conclusion the riding should remain north south Blackfalds, Lacombe and Ponoka with the name being revised to either Blackfalds Ponoka riding (designating boundaries) or more accurately Blackfalds (South end) Lacombe and Ponoka (north end).

I look forward to a fair resolution that includes logical designation of electoral boundaries.

Richard Poole
Blackfalds

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Spruce Grove

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What is your current electoral division?

82 - Spruce Grove-Stony Plain

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

81 - Spruce Grove

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

To whom it may concern, my name is Searle Turton and I am the current MLA for Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. After careful review of the interim report put forth by the committee, I wanted to affirm my support that the current proposed boundaries for the proposed riding of Spruce Grove is satisfactory and meets the needs of the residents in that area.

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation

Submission

I feel that the Ponoka area (both rural and urban) which is where I live, has far more in common with the Lacombe and Blackfalds region that it does with the wetaskiwin, Maskwacis region that lies north of us. Lacombe, Ponoka, Blackfalds is a more cohesive grouping of mid to small municipalities with similar needs, thus it is logical to group them together for provincial representation. The needs of the Maskwacis population are important but significantly different from the Lacombe, Ponoka, Blackfalds population. To split Ponoka voters off and add them to a Wetaskiwin/Maskwacis constituency would likely mean that our needs and concerns in Ponoka would not be heard because of the larger population & significantly different priorities and needs in Wetaskiwin and Maskwacis. I feel that I would not be represented nearly as well if you change the electoral boundaries.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Good Day,

As a tax payer in the area of the Lesser Slave Lake riding, and a concerned citizen of Slave Lake, Alberta my concern for our citizens of our electoral riding is valid and just. We as a municipality require support and a voice to be heard and changing the electoral riding boundaries would be ridiculous. We would not be properly represented by someone that does not reside in the area. So with that being said, why would this change? We require representation of Mr. Scott Sinclair. He represents our best interests and is a voice for our community and the smaller communities in the riding.

Thank you for your time.

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

Submission

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the Lacombe/Ponoka Constituency. The proposed changes are favorable to 1 party of representatives and not fair to all, not considering the relationships that already exist, and do not promote better representation, it looks simply like a way to buy another conservative seat. This area has low voter turn out and biased representation already, I do not support this change as it further supports that bias and is not being done for any reason but that.

The proposed boundary changes to Lacombe-Ponoka do not make geographic sense. Most of our current constituency's population sits along the highway 2 corridor. There is much movement between the municipalities of Ponoka, Lacombe, Blackfalds, and beyond, and we share a lot in common: strong agricultural economies, inter-municipal cooperation, shared regional identity, common commuting patterns along the highway 2 corridor, and integrated business, healthcare, education, and recreation networks. Current boundaries also overlap almost perfectly with the Wolf Creek School Division boundaries (with the exception of Bentley and Rimbey). It's a constituency that makes sense. We interact with each other regularly and share a functional region. The proposed new boundaries would force our communities into constituencies where we don't share those same natural ties.

As a Lacombe county resident, I want to speak specifically about the proposed Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House constituency for a moment. Lacombe and Blackfalds are tied to the highway 2 corridor and also to the Red Deer metro region. Rocky Mountain House is an entirely different region with different labour force priorities. We don't share a common economic region, common transportation corridors, regional planning frameworks, and we don't interact regularly through commerce, etc. We have little reason to move back and forth between these distant communities.

Going back to Lacombe-Ponoka, the proposed changes take a logical constituency and make it geographically awkward. We're currently compact, contiguous, and easy to navigate for an MLA. The two proposed constituencies stretch over a vast distance, combine unrelated communities. Even if redistribution is necessary, there are ways to adjust boundaries without breaking apart coherent regions. The proposed changes sacrifice the community coherence of Lacombe-Ponoka for the creation of new constituencies in urban centres. Electoral boundaries are supposed to reflect how people actually live, not impose arbitrary lines that disrupt natural connections. As mentioned, being unable to see the logistical reason leaves me to believe this is meant only to benefit the existing party in favor and I am sick of the BIASED and unfair representation by this party I don't support this change.

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We have been living in this riding for 57 years . We need representation for our residents. We don't have the population like other constituencies but as tax payers we are entitled to have our member speak and help us get our share of our needs .

We have the one of the worse highways in northern Alberta. Highway 88 is a death sentence for just one bad driver can chance you're live in a split second . We have had some progress thanks to Scott Sinclair helping us get this project started .

Consider you helps Alberta stay strong don't break us . Good luck Scott .

Rose and Dennis Vercholuk

Sent from my iPhone

Rory J. Koopmans, B. Admin., [REDACTED]
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Wednesday, November XIXth, MMXXV

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Dear Esteemed Committee Members:

My submission would be in context to a potential newly constituted Northern riding name. It wouldn't have to be considered for the October MMXXVII next general election writ but maybe it could be. My feeling is that a new riding should be called "Lubicon-Getty." In respect of the late, great Premier Donald Ross Getty & his work in establishing provincial 1st nations land treaty agreements & strong rights with then Lubicon Lake Band Chief, the most honourable Bernard Omniyak. A truly quality gentleman like the late Premier who I had the honour of meeting once at some Athabasca Event. I think it was at Athabasca University where I am a December MCMXCIX Bachelor of Administration graduate.

Always A Gentleman,

Rory J. Koopmans





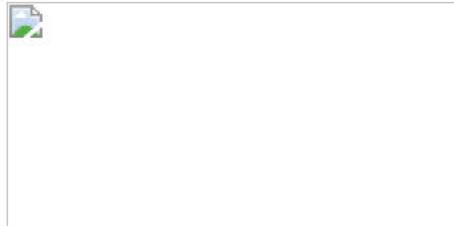
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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

44 - Edmonton-South

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I believe an electoral district should be named after the late Premier Don Getty. Most deceased former Premiers and even a few influential opposition leaders (Laurence Decore & Grant Notley), have ridings named after them. One of the ridings in Edmonton with a direction in it's name, such as Edmonton-South, should be renamed "Edmonton-Getty" to honor the former Premier.

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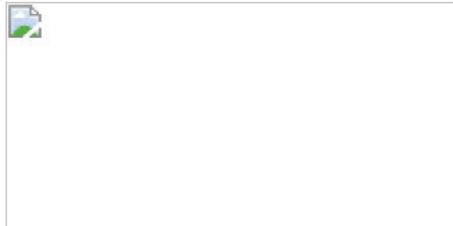


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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

55 - Camrose

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

The riding of Camrose brings in a bunch of smaller surrounding communities. In order to ensure it better encompasses the nearby communities, as well as to avoid confusion that it is not an urban-only riding, the riding should be renamed "Battle River-Camrose" or "Camrose-Battle River".

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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

46 - Edmonton-South West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

The riding of Edmonton=South West, under the new boundaries, would include mostly Windermere and surrounding communities, rather than wrap around the entire Southwest part of Edmonton, which it currently does. As a result, in order to avoid any confusion and to better define the boundaries, the riding should be renamed "Edmonton-Windermere".

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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

42 - Edmonton-North West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

In order to avoid confusion with the new federal riding, the riding should be renamed "Edmonton-Skyview".

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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

Overall there will be a decrease in seats representing the north. This is Unacceptable!!!!

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation

Submission

The proposed changes to create the Lacombe/Rocky Mountain House electoral division is not in the best interests of the constituents or truthfully the elected MLA. It creates an area that is too broad for effective organization and community building as constituents. The new lines are geographically disadvantageous as it creates a division that is excessively large which makes it considerably less feasible for our MLA to be accessible to all constituents. The current lines exist in commonalities with the communities represented, there is a lot of natural movement between the communities both economically and culturally, the proposed division does not reflect how the communities naturally interact. The Lacombe Ponoka division may be considered rural, but we are not remote. We exist along the province's main corridor and we have the requisite population right here without having to create divisions that stretch well over an hour end to end. The proposed lines make things unnecessarily difficult for all, constituents and their MLA.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

November 21,2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Re: Support for Maintaining the Lesser Slave Lake Constituency

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to express my support in maintaining the Lesser Slave Lake (LSLC) electoral division by adjusting the boundary to include the Town of Swan Hills and retain all of Big Lakes County. This alignment reflects our region's service, transportation, and cultural realities while maintaining a population within the allowable range under Section 15(2).

We respectfully request that the Commission adopt this adjustment and maintain LSLC.

Sincerely,

Martine Carifelle

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

I have to say this realignment is spot on. The community of Wetaskiwin and Ponoka have a tremendous amount in common and is a strongly rural community. I know that the current MLAs will be trying to tell you how this does not work but, I have been the Reeve and Councilor in Ponoka County since 2007 and this realignment provides us with the best balance of rural and urban representation possible. I have been represented by multiple MLAs and there is no business that flows between Ponoka County and Rocky Mountain House. Additionally, Lacombe county and the City of Lacombe have very little in common with Ponoka County. Westaskiwin County is identical in many ways to Ponoka County and the towns and city are a better match.

Whatever the current and past MLAs say they have not adequately represented all of Ponoka County properly and this riding is a very effective and efficient new constituency that will serve the populations well.

I can provide oral evidence and examples to this affect as my 19 years of working closely with all the different MLAs in the region they have all gravitated away from the needs of Ponoka County and this alignment will better serve both Counties, the people of Maskwacis, and the towns and cities within.

Again, well done. I was just acclaimed for my 6th term . Do not change it one bit!
Paul McLauchlin

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Hello, I am a resident of Nordegg, a hamlet in Clearwater county. I am quite pleased to be included in the new proposed Banff-Jasper riding. I feel this better represents the geography, issues and interests of the community. It is also a natural management unit for consideration of the headwater resources of this area.

Thank you,
A Dyer

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent proposed boundary adjustments for west central Alberta, and to offer an alternative that will better represent this area. As a long-time rural Albertan and President of Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Flight 223 (Sundre), I strongly believe that some changes to the interim boundaries are necessary to ensure effective representation of this area.

First, I respectfully disagree with the Electoral Boundary Commission's conclusion that central Alberta should have less representation in the Legislature as a result of this boundary redraw. This decision risks reducing the voice of Albertans like me by removing an entire constituency and dividing our communities into other ridings that have very different priorities. The proposed constituency of Mountain View-Kneehill will therefore result in less effective representation for the Sundre area, which goes against one of the core principles of the mandate of the Commission.

The population targets for central Alberta constituencies also risk taking the voice of west central Alberta in the Legislature away. The Commission interim report rightfully points out that the role of a rural MLA is different from their urban counterparts. Rural residents typically require more assistance from their MLA because many of the issues affecting our daily lives fall under provincial jurisdiction. This includes getting help with provincial Crown Land permits, addressing wildlife enforcement issues, getting assistance navigating provincial permits for businesses, and seeking advocacy for services like health care and social services that can be limited in rural communities. Additionally, rural MLAs often serve as vital presences at community events, a function that the Commission report itself acknowledges cannot be replicated by adding staff to the MLA office. As a result, expecting that rural constituencies have the same or higher population than constituencies in the cities will reduce the representation of rural Albertans because the constituency contains too many communities for the MLA to fulfill these duties. Consequently, the population threshold for effective rural representation should be 10-15% below the 55,000 average population to ensure these communities have adequate and meaningful representation in the Legislature. This high population and reduction of constituencies in central Alberta are both important reasons that I am recommending that these boundaries be reconsidered.

The interim boundaries will also divide the important aviation network along the Eastern Slopes between several constituencies. These facilities serve as critical links for transportation, business, and emergency response. It is important to keep that network of assets within a common constituency so that the representative can advocate for the needs of the whole network, rather than a different MLA representing each site. The new boundary also puts the Red Deer Forestry Air Strip into the Banff-Jasper constituency, while the closest airports in Sundre and Rocky Mountain House have been placed in Mountain View-Kneehill and Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, respectively.

Sundre Airport serves as a regional hub for all of the surrounding counties and is a critical gateway to the west. For example, Mountain View County has invested in refuelling infrastructure at the Sundre airport to support all of the aircraft that patrol Clearwater County and the MD of Bighorn to the west and south. Critical activities such as search and rescue, smoke patrol, pipeline monitoring, and wildlife counting in west central Alberta all utilize Sundre as a refuelling station before going west. In addition, Mountain View and Clearwater County are already recognized as interconnected in the aviation industry. The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) recognizes these communities as intertwined, to the extent that Clearwater County and Mountain View County fall under the same airport event insurance. Dividing the Eastern Slopes aviation corridor will cause confusion about how to advocate to local representatives and will result in cutting off members of the aviation industry from effective representation in the Alberta Legislature.

Finally, as a pilot in the Eastern Slopes, I have the unique opportunity to understand the common geography of the western foothills region. Because of the Rocky Mountains to the west, there is a common geography to the north and south of Sundre. This area is characterized by foothills that are heavily forested and that share the landscape with the oil and gas industry, the forestry industry, cattle grazing, recreational trails, and dense bush. Put simply, this region has more in common with Banff National Park in terms of geography than it does with the prairie landscape to the east. In addition, Sundre Airport serves as the gateway to the west for those flying across the Rocky Mountains, as the final fuelling station before I strongly believe that joining western Mountain View County and Clearwater County together with the Municipal District of Bighorn and Banff National Park would be much more successful at achieving the Commission's goal of common geography that supports effective representation. In closing, I urge the Commission to consider these points carefully as you finalize electoral boundaries for west central Alberta. The unique expectations on rural Members of the Legislature, the north-south transportation corridors in this area, the existing transportation network, and the common geography of the region are all important to effective representation. Adjusting the electoral boundary to unite Clearwater County, western Mountain View County, and the Municipal District of Bighorn will better represent the people who call this area home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Glen (Bruno) Bradley

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VILLAGE OF GIROUXVILLE

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes in Northern Alberta

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

On behalf of the Village of Girouxville Council, I wish to express our strong opposition to the proposed changes outlined in your Interim Report, which would reduce the number of constituencies in northern Alberta from seven to six and eliminate the Lesser Slave Lake riding.

While I understand the need to review boundaries periodically to reflect population changes, the proposed consolidation fails to account for the unique realities of northern Alberta. Our region is vast, geographically challenging, and culturally distinct. Effective representation cannot be measured by population numbers alone. The Supreme Court of Canada has affirmed that **effective representation** requires consideration of geography, community identity, and accessibility—not just numerical parity.

The proposed Mackenzie riding, for example, would cover an area nearly twice the size of the Netherlands. Drive times within these new constituencies could exceed eight hours, even in good weather. This makes it virtually impossible for any MLA to provide meaningful representation to all communities. Furthermore, splitting long-standing communities of interest—such as High Prairie and Slave Lake—into separate ridings undermines the social, economic, and cultural cohesion that has existed for over a century.

Northern Alberta is home to many Indigenous communities and resource-based economies that are integral to Alberta's prosperity. Diluting our representation by creating fewer, larger ridings will weaken our voice in the Legislature and diminish our ability to advocate for critical infrastructure, healthcare, and economic development.

I urge the Commission to reconsider these changes and instead use the flexibility allowed under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act to maintain existing boundaries as much as possible, invoking population variances where necessary. This approach respects both the letter and spirit of effective representation.

Thank you for considering this submission. I trust that the Commission will recognize the importance of preserving strong representation for northern Albertans.

Sincerely,



Joseph Zdeb
Mayor
Village of Girouxville

Cc: NAEL





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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Dear Sirs or Madam,

As a resident of the Town of Slave Lake in Northern Alberta, I don't believe currently a lot of our concerns get addressed in the legislature. With the new division mapping and being grouped with towns that are over an hour away from us, what little representation and concerns addressed currently will be further diminished if these divisions go through.

The constituency of Slave Lake is resource rich with several wood mills, a new oil resource rich play (Clearwater), a high indigenous population, plenty of tourism; but we still have a small voice in the legislature even though we contribute significantly to the province's coffers. Right now we have several crappy highways, nasty drug use problems, infrastructure crumbling and we can't even get these addressed. Combining this constituency with Athabasca/Westlock will further keep many of our issues from being addressed.

Regards,

Harold Norberg

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What is your current electoral division?

75 - Morinville-St. Albert

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

As a resident of rural Alberta, I am writing to express my sincere disappointment with the current proposed electoral division revision map. In particular, my concerns are three-fold:

1. The reduction in rural representation.
2. The failure to implement additional rural-urban split ridings despite recent removal of the requirement to consider municipal boundaries by the provincial government.
3. Nonsensical riding boundaries such as "Banff-Jasper" and "Mackenzie"

The introduction of two additional ridings should have been enough to account for the need for increased representation inside Edmonton and Calgary city limits based on the population growth rates from the 2021 census. It was unnecessary to further reduce rural representation by removing a rural riding and adding it to the additional riding that Edmonton was already getting. The cultural and geographic distinction of the population outside of Edmonton and Calgary necessitates a disproportional degree of representation and that could have been easily justified by the commission to maintain its existing representation. It feels that the commission took an excessively unfavourable outlook when evaluating the needs of rural Albertans when crafting these new boundaries.

Futhermore, the provincial government has recently lifted the requirement for municipal boundaries to be considered by the commission when redrawing electoral boundaries. Despite this, the commission showed practically no evidence of moving away from the existing stark urban rural divide that we have seen in past proposals. The commission's apparent lack of effort to take these changes in guidelines into account shows yet another example of the commission passing on an opportunity to help preserve rural representation on the electoral map with this proposal.

Finally, the new riding boundaries for "Banff-Jasper" and "Mackenzie" are particularly poorly drawn and make very little sense. Banff-Jasper traverses across the province in an extremely unusual manner and will present practical difficulties in terms of an MLA being able to traverse and effectively represent. Mackenzie is even worse: this is an absolutely gigantic riding and it would be utterly impractical for a single MLA to visit all corners of much less represent the needs of its constituents effectively. Both of these riding boundaries desperately require dramatic revision.

For these reasons, I ask the commission to go back to the drawing board and re-evaluate its proposal. Please devote more effort and time in considering the needs of rural Albertans. The currently proposed boundaries fail in this regard substantially.

Thank you very much,

Graeme

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Please. I beg you to take a moment to reconsider the changes to the Lesser Slave Lake Riding. I understand this commission is non partisan, however I am appealing to the judge and whomever on this commission is brave enough to read this submission.

I have lived in this riding my whole life. I am a teacher who's voice was recently, forcibly removed by the current government with their use of Bill 2 and the NWC. I am extremely concerned over the proposed changes to my riding, as the government is essentially forcably removing my voice once again through this re-districting. Unlike an urban riding who will benefit from the additional seats, representation and essentially voice that will be added to already closely connected constituencies; my riding will be divided up and separated out to individuals who I fear will not understand our vast concerns, geography, industry and needs.

I do not know where Vilna Alberta is, however apparently they have similar concerns to my own area of the province. I disagree with my full chest. It already takes the same amount of time to travel to an Edmonton district from my front door as it does to reach the edge of my current constituency. I travel these roads often. The communities to the north of the lake often times share common struggles, values, seasonal needs etc.

Our current MLA is new. I honestly didn't vote for him because I wasn't convinced he would be the best vice for me. My oh my, I now have no problem

sharing that I would be considering a vote for him in the future, because he is our first representative since Pearl Calahasen who actually asks the questions his constituency wants answers for. He was punished by his own party for opposing their plan and budget, as it did not fit the needs of his constituency. He is connected to multiple communities, First Nations, and Metis settlements, and is able to advocate on their behalf work less difficulty because he is already known, and treated as a trusted individual. Our previous representative, it seemed spent more time in Texas on personal matters than his own area, and honestly he was rude, he did not advocate for us and I would never wish that type of representation on anyone.

With this redistribution of representation you move our representation further away from our community and potentially into the hands of someone who has no clue what living here is like. Just as I have no clue what living in westlock or Athabasca is like. I can however tell you that the chief in big-time cree Nation has resigned, although that community is 2 hrs away, his cousin shared the news. I know that the people in High Prairie rely heavy on farming and milling, while my community relies on timber, oil and gas. I know that further north, in Red Earth there is a lovely community of hard working people who take pride in what they do and understand that the remoteness of their community does not affect its beauty. I know that if I need to travel down highway 88 I will hug my family tight and tell them I love them, because the state of the secondary highway from #2 north has narrow or missing shoulders and parts of the driving lanes. I know that the trees and weather between Prichuk hill and the Athabasca turn off are affected by the moisture in the air from our lake and the forest cover making them more prone to ice, and the hills make driving a loaded oil tanker a mission of hope that you won't slip out, block the road, stall or kill someone. If you don't know the places I just named and you hope to represent my area, you are unfortunately wrong. My current and past representation knows the places, conditions, and risks because they have lived them too. I do doubt that any MLA from westlock would understand that.

Please reconsider your change to the Lesser Slave Lake area. We do not deserve to lose our voice because another community grew in Edmonton or Calgary. I have driven through some of those ridings and honestly, I am sure that someone from St. Albert may not enjoy decisions being made for them by Mill wWoods however at least in that example I can drive through both communities in the same 30 minutes depending on the Henday and not require a hotel stay. In my constituency, the next closest larger community is over an hour away, and

the edge of my constituency is hours away.

This is not ok, and I would really like to know how an amendment to the proposed changes can be initiated or stopped in my constituency. If the urban area needs a seat so desperately, please consider shifting constituencies that are closer to the urban area needing the representation, as their needs may actually be much closer alligned than my home communityis with Vilna or Westlock as you narrowly suggest in this report. My representation should not suffer as proposed please. I encourage you to leave rural northern ridings alone and seek readjustment in urban concentrated zones in the Edmonton, Calgary, and central QEII corridor communities. These areas you may actually find to be most similar over what is proposed.

Thank you for considering my rights to a voice in the legislature who may actually speak for me. Please reconsider your suggestion for rural, indigenous communities of the North. In return we will continue providing the natural resources you care so much about to drive the Alberta advantage, we just want to be heard.

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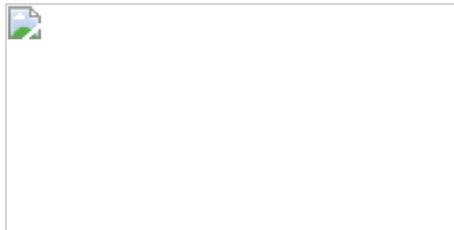


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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I strongly support the inclusion of the community of Nordegg in the new riding of Banff-Jasper. As a fast growing tourist town located on public lands in the province where tourism is the economic base, this is a much better fit than the current constituency. The size is reasonable.

I would recommend a better geographic name though - Eastern Slopes, Canadian Rockies, Alberta Rockies or Headwaters rather than excluding Canmore, Nordegg and Indigenous communities.

Small presentation note - on the Alberta-wide maps that include the provincial park layer, it looks like the layer you are using is at least 10 years out of date. There have been many new provincial parks established since then, if you were to get an updated layer from Alberta Parks.

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Mountain View County

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission,

I am writing to recommend adjustments and advocate for Sundre and Rocky Mountain House to remain within the same electoral riding during the current boundary review.

After reading the thoughtful inputs from the Commission on how they came to their boundaries in the interim report, I believe that local context is needed to keep communities of interest and economic corridors together in a single constituency.

These two communities are closely linked, not only by their shared rural characteristics but also by strong economic partnerships and social connections. Many residents and businesses in Sundre conduct regular business in Clearwater County, and our emergency health services are connected and need to be to service a vast west country. Many services, suppliers, and customers frequently cross between these areas, and separating them into different ridings would disrupt these established relationships.

My family farms and ranches near the border between Clearwater County and Mountain View County and I see the connection between these communities every day. My kids go to school in Sundre, but our after-school activities often take us to Caroline and Rocky Mountain House. I see every day the many commonalities between our community in western Mountain View County and in Rocky Mountain House, which have much more in common with one another than with communities east of Highway 2 that are included in the interim commission report maps.

The Commission noted that in addition to communities of interest, geographical features are another appropriate factor for the drawing of electoral boundaries. Both Sundre and Rocky Mountain House are located near the "Eastern Slopes", and the mountains are visible in both communities. This has an impact, as both Sundre and Rocky Mountain House are considered "gateways" to the Rocky Mountains, and many of the residents enjoy recreation in the mountains and understand the pressures that the landscape faces. I believe it would be very difficult for a Member of the Legislature to represent a mountain town like Sundre and prairie communities east of Highway 2, as they have very different needs.

Additionally, Highway 22 serves as a key transportation and economic link between my home near Sundre and communities like Caroline and Rocky Mountain House. This highway is critical for shipping goods, and the communities along this transportation corridor share common industries such as farming, ranching, oil and gas production, and forestry. By keeping Sundre,

Rocky Mountain House, and their surrounding counties in the same constituency, we can ensure that their shared interests and many common issues are effectively represented by a single voice in the Legislature.

In addition to my thoughts above, I believe keeping Sundre and Clearwater County/Rocky Mountain House together in a single constituency will respect the practical realities and similarities between these municipalities. I urge the Commission to consider these factors and amend the electoral boundaries to include Sundre, Rocky Mountain House, and Clearwater County in the same constituency.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to ensuring effective representation for all Albertans, including those living in rural Alberta.

Sincerely,

Heidi Overguard

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What are the multiple electoral boundaries you are making a submission about?

Banff-Jasper; Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House; Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed maps for west central Alberta that were released in your interim report dated October 27, 2025. I appreciate the challenge of putting together your submissions and balancing the many perspectives of Albertans on how boundaries should be drawn. However, the boundaries for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House and Banff-Jasper contradict the local context and will limit effective representation for the residents of west central Alberta if they are not changed. Instead, I recommend that riding boundaries include all of Clearwater County, including Rocky Mountain House, with other western communities like Sundre and Banff.

First, the boundaries for Banff-Jasper do not reflect the needs of Nordegg residents, and divides western Clearwater County from its closest major community. I am a professional helicopter pilot living in Nordegg and working from Rocky Mountain House, something that is quite common for people living in this area. Rocky Mountain House is the closest major community to Nordegg – it has the nearest hospital and clinics, the closest schools, the nearest banks, plus the closest retail to Nordegg and the residents to the west. Despite being 90 km away Rocky Mountain House is also the base for the nearest RCMP detachment and ambulance service. The reality is that Banff and Jasper are not communities where Nordegg residents have a connection. These towns between 228 km (Banff) and 266 km (Jasper) away from Nordegg, and the only highway (Hwy 93) connecting Nordegg to these towns is often closed in winter. Ultimately, putting residents of Nordegg and western Clearwater County in a constituency with Banff and Jasper will cause ineffective representation because the MLA will be unlikely to visit Nordegg due to distance, and Nordegg residents will not be going to the communities represented by that MLA. A much better alternative would be to have all of Clearwater County, including Rocky Mountain House, in a single constituency.

Second, the proposal divides a widely recognized common geography between three constituencies. The Rocky Mountain House forest area is recognized by the Government of Alberta as the region stretching from the northern boundary of Clearwater County to the southern boundary of Mountain View County, reaching to the national park boundary. The forest area encompasses Nordegg, Caroline, and Rocky Mountain House – three communities contained within Clearwater County that are divided into three different constituencies in the Commission's interim map. The Rocky Mountain House Forest Area highlights the common geography of Clearwater County and western Mountain View

County, and distinguishes this area from the prairie communities to the east in Lacombe County. Due to this common geography, I encourage the Commission to realign the electoral boundaries to include all of Clearwater County in a single constituency.

Finally, dividing Rocky Mountain House from western Clearwater County will divide west central Alberta from the wildfire management infrastructure. Rocky Mountain House is home to the wildfire command centre and air tanker base for all of the Eastern Slopes region west of Rocky and Sundre. It is a critical hub for wildfire activity, and Rocky Mountain House is home to many people who work in forestry and wildfire management. The location of the air tanker base shows that Rocky is recognized as a hub for west central Alberta. The interim boundary for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House would divide Rocky's wildfire infrastructure from the landscape it is responsible for managing. In practice, this would mean that the MLA for the air tanker base would be different from the MLA for the area where wildfire management is happening. Further, the MLA for the wildfire management infrastructure in Rocky Mountain House would not be the MLA for many of the people who work there, including myself. To ensure effective representation of both Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County residents, the town and the county should be in the same constituency.

Thank you for reviewing my submission. I hope that you will reconsider the boundaries for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House and Banff-Jasper to ensure effective representation for these communities.

Sincerely,

Kyle Wadden

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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

Honestly, I mostly want to thank you for respecting the boundaries of cities. Different cities all have distinct populations. I have lived in 4 municipalities all around Edmonton area and they all are unique. (Sherwood Park, Beaumont, Edmonton, and St Albert).

The only critique that I have is that I think our map does over emphasize rural. Our province continually is shifting towards higher percentages of people living in Edmonton, Calgary and places like Airdrie and Sherwood Park. I think that we should have more ridings in each of those to more accurately line with how the province will look in 10 years.

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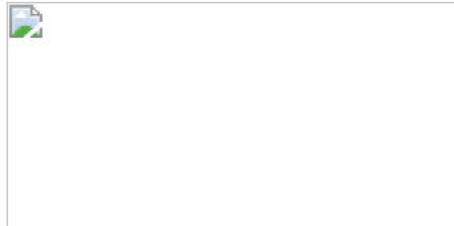
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What is your current electoral division?

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What are the multiple electoral boundaries you are making a submission about?

Hybrid ridings in Calgary

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

While I understand the rationale behind avoiding strict adherence to the “one person, one vote” approach to riding boundaries, the fact is that equal representation, or as close to it as we can reasonably get, should be the ideal to strive for. I was therefore pleased to see that the discrepancies in your proposal are much less drastic than some that we have seen in the past, which gave the impression that the balance of electoral power in Alberta is skewed to favour rural Alberta and over the years diminished my faith in the fairness of democracy in Alberta.

In this context I am very concerned that in the creation of five additional hybrid districts will provide a new context for sowing doubt in the fairness of our system by diluting the votes of urban dwellers. Should the net result be a gain in conservative seats at the expense of urban voters the impression that Alberta is engaging in American-style “gerrymandering” will be unavoidable and the fairness of our boundaries will be further in doubt. You note this in your report - “The Commission acknowledges that hybrid electoral divisions are not necessarily good in themselves. They can be used in ways that undermine effective representation.” Even if they are not intentionally used to undermine effective representation, that can be the result. Certainly the perception that they undermine effective representation is very real, particularly considering the current government’s willingness to embrace many other conservative American practices to their advantage.

I believe now is not the time to expand hybrid ridings in Calgary as proposed in your report. The current government has shown a desire to be very active in inserting themselves into the voting process in a big way as evidenced in our recent municipal elections with hand-counting and political parties. It will be hard for a lot of people to believe that adding more hybrid ridings in Calgary is anything other than an attempt to manipulate the election, notwithstanding all your very diligent efforts. You have done a good job in avoiding some of the excessive discrepancies in the past allowed through 15(2) - I remember years where a rural riding was almost half the population of Edmonton Whitemud. Thank you for that, but please do not allow hybrid ridings to now open a back door to diminishing urban voter’s representation.

Thank you,

Leonard Swanson

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What is your current electoral division?

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

48 - Edmonton-West-Enoch

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I find the new provincial riding of Edmonton-West-Enoch to be greatly concerning for a few reasons.

One. These proposals completely violate the respect towards our municipal boundaries. Something that has been a long tradition in regards to creating provincial electoral maps in relation to ridings in Edmonton and ridings around Edmonton. Two. These proposed provincial ridings are taking us in the complete opposition direction to the maps of the federal electoral boundaries commission where they have successfully managed to put all nine of Edmonton's federal ridings completely inside the city despite the challenge of those federal ridings being significantly larger in both area and population compared to their provincial counterparts.

Three. Including rural land just outside of Edmonton into an Edmonton riding will cause that riding to have a noticeable rightward shift given that Edmonton tends to vote more to the left and rural Alberta tends to vote more to the right and thus some would argue that this proposal at a mixed urban rural riding could be an attempt at a UCP gerrymander.

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

First, I would like to thank you for your dedication to Albertans. I read your interim report with interest. I appreciate your emphasis on maintaining effective representation for all Albertans and I realize that in a province as diverse as Alberta, this is no easy task. As a local business operator and life-long resident of Clearwater County, I will recommend changes to the proposed electoral boundaries for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, Mountain View-Kneehill, and Banff-Jasper constituencies. The boundaries included in the interim report would present significant challenges for representation of the aviation and tourism industries in west central Alberta, and I hope that my contribution will convince you to change these boundaries and keep all of Clearwater County within one constituency.

Our business, Ahlstrom Air, has operated for nearly 30 years, with offices based in Nordegg (west of Rocky Mountain House), Alhambra (east of Rocky Mountain House). We also have a hangar at Rocky Mountain House Airport to the east of the town. As a helicopter services company, we offer heli-hiking and heli-fishing tourism, aerial filming, seismic and oil and gas monitoring, as well as forest fire management with Alberta Wildfire. Ahlstrom Air also works with Search and Rescue to offer mountain and remote rescue services. In all these activities, I believe it essential to have a voice in the Alberta Legislature who is aware of the issues facing the landscape and industry. Under the current interim boundaries, that voice will be lost because this landscape is divided between multiple constituencies, with diverse priorities.

The first concern I have with these draft boundaries is the division of common geography in Clearwater County between several constituencies. Seeing Clearwater County from the air, I have a unique perspective on the geography and transportation corridors in this area. The landscape across western Clearwater County, and to the south Mountain View County and M.D. of Bighorn, all share similar geography with heavy forest and foothills leading into the Rocky Mountains. In many ways, this landscape has more in common with the Banff National Park to the west than it does with the agricultural land east of Highway 2. This common geography also brings common industry, such as oil and gas and forestry, as well as common challenges, including forest fire prevention, wildlife management, and managing recreation. On long weekends, for example, over 100,000 people can be found camping to the west of Rocky Mountain House. Under the previous electoral boundaries, I have been able to share these findings and advocate for more emergency services resources to a single MLA who represents that entire region. This would be much more challenging under the new proposed boundaries, as I would either have to reach out to multiple MLAs to share these observations, or advocate to the MLA for where I live who does not necessarily represent the affected geography. It is, therefore, a better path to effective representation to have all of Clearwater County within a single constituency.

Second, the current interim boundaries for west central Alberta divide communities of interest and key transportation corridors between multiple constituencies. For aviation, the Rocky Mountain House airport is an important stop that provides a gateway to the west for both businesses like mine, and emergency services. Its location makes this airport well placed to fuel and store aircraft going west towards and over the Rocky Mountains. Importantly, the Rocky airport also serves as the air tanker base for central Alberta and is critical for fighting wildfires to the west every year. Dividing the airport, located in the proposed Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House constituency, would cut this transportation hub from the region it serves. Similarly, Highway 11 is a critical transportation corridor between Rocky Mountain House and the Saskatchewan Crossing and is the only major highway in that area. To have effective representation, I believe these transportation corridors should be connected in one constituency.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that changing the final electoral boundaries to bring all of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County into the same constituency will be a critical change to ensure effective representation for these communities.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,

Monica Ahlstrom

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

We live between Ponoka and Lacombe. We shop in both towns and have friends in both counties, We have no connection with Rocky Mountain house and I feel this is Gerrymandering. I am very much against this change. Ponoka and Lacombe have much more in common in all aspects than Lacombe Rocky Mountain House.

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

This submission outlines recommended changes to the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency boundaries to better reflect community interests, geographic continuity, and transportation corridors while maintaining population balance.

-Excluding Ponoka in the north, and Blackfalds in the south, groups similar rural communities together and contributes to population requirements for neighboring constituencies.

-Using highways (53, 771, and 11) as boundaries provides clarity and accessibility for transportation corridors.

-Including Sylvan Lake and all of Gull Lake strengthens representation for recreational and tourism-based communities.

These changes aim to maintain equitable representation without significant population imbalance.

Key Recommendations

1. Northern Boundary

o Lower the northern border of the constituency to Highway 53, but exclude the Town of Ponoka. This adjustment ensures rural areas north of Lacombe are included. This respects the distinct urban community of Ponoka which will satisfy the population requirements for the area north.

2. Southern Boundary

o From the eastern Lacombe county border, maintain the current southern border up to the town of Blackfalds. Going around to the north around Blackfalds, continue on Aspelund Road to highway 20, then south to highway 11 to include Sylvan Lake, and continuing on highway 11 all the way west to the western boundary of Lacombe county.

3. Exclusion of Blackfalds

o The Town of Blackfalds should remain outside the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency to maintain its alignment with its current urban-focused representation and satisfy the population requirements for the area south.

4. Inclusion of Gull Lake and Sylvan Lake

o Include all of Gull Lake within the constituency to ensure this recreational and residential area is represented consistently.

o Sylvan Lake (the lake and the town) should be included as it is consistent with the social, recreational, economic and environmental features of the constituency.

5. Western Boundary

o From Highway 53 in the north, use Highway 771 as the western boundary. This short north-south boundary would head west on the Lacombe county line and continue west to the western boundary of Lacombe county.

o Continue boundary of Lacombe County, ensuring a clear and logical demarcation.

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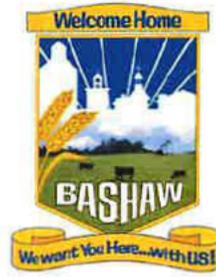
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November 24, 2025
Honourable Dallas K. Miller
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Dear Honourable Dallas K. Miller,
RE: 2025 – 2026 Proposed Electoral Boundaries Support

The Bashaw Town Council has reviewed the proposed Electoral Boundaries, at the November 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of Bashaw Town Council.

Disadvantages to remaining in the Camrose constituency include an orientation of services with other communities such as Donalda, Alix, Ponoka County, Lacombe County, and Stettler County that does not have shared provincial representation. (These services include everything from FCSS to Fire services and are broadly based on our RCMP region.)

Bashaw is a border community, no riding alignment will allow us to be represented by the same MLA as all our regional partners, and services will continue to be shared across three (3) or more provincial jurisdictions. This is a uniquely challenging environment for Bashaw. We wanted to ensure this was noted to the Commission.

Advantages to remaining within the Camrose Constituency include shared representation with all other communities surrounded by Camrose County, of which Bashaw maintains an important relationship, and continuity dating back to 2017.

In conclusion, Bashaw Town council passed the following motion:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McIntosh to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter on behalf of the Town of Bashaw to the 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission detailing its support for remaining in the Camrose Constituency.

MOTION #225-2025

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Mayor Cindy Orom, Town of Bashaw

Cc: Bashaw Town Council

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Interim Report Submission from Jake Carlstad

From Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission <abebc@patternhosting.com>

Date Wed 11/26/2025 2:42 PM

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Interim Report Considerations

- Chapters I-VII (pages 1-30) of the Interim Report outlines the rationale behind the Commission's proposed Electoral Division areas, boundaries, and names (e.g., population data, feedback from written submissions and public presentations, legal and judicial requirements, etc.). You may wish to review this information prior to making your submission as it might address certain questions and concerns.

What is your current electoral division?

33 - Edmonton-Gold Bar

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

73 - Medicine Hat-Brooks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Overall, I am happy with the riding boundaries proposed here. My only complaint is that I see no real reason other than status quo as to why these urban-rural ridings exist.

I do not see how the concerns of the people living in the city and the people living in the country can be represented by such uneven boundaries. So far, I saw no compelling argument in this report.

Thank you,

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

I am extremely concerned that Northern Alberta will be even more forgotten than it already is. Our highway infrastructure is horrible. Road's are collapsing, giant pot holes and needing a complete repaving on multiple highways. We need more passing lanes. We need more nurses and doctors and access to medical outside of Edmonton or Grande Prairie. Why doesn't slave Lake have a maternity ward? I am extremely disappointed with the decision to remove our division.

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