

Written Submission

on the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report

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Submission/Message

As raised by others to-date, I am in favour of Yellowknife removing electoral districts and instead using the slate model to elect an allocated number of MLAs to represent Yellowknife. I do not feel that the current arbitrary boundaries within our 20,000-person city are representative of populations with distinct demographics applicable to discussion of territorial-level issues. If electoral districts and distinct demographics have not been identified as necessary to discuss city-level issues, it is unclear why this is necessary at a territorial level. By removing the electoral districts, the elected Yellowknife MLAs would be best representative of the city as a whole and would eliminate a system which encourages Yellowknife politicians to strategically consider which riding to run in.