

Mr Craig Sloan  
Chair  
CIT Board  
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Dear Mr Sloan

**RE Woden's participation in the social and economic benefits of higher education**

We are writing to request that you reconsider your decision to close the Woden CIT and to seek advice on your policy for the equitable distribution of CIT services across Canberra. We would also like to meet with you to discuss the opportunities for higher education in Woden.

The south of Canberra (including Tuggeranong, Weston Creek and Molonglo), supports around 175,000 people. While Canberra has four universities and five CIT campuses, there is an imbalance in the location of these facilities as they are primarily located in the north. A map of Canberra's universities, CITs and the proposed site in Woden is attached.

The social and economic benefits of higher education to the host community are well documented and obviously we are keen for benefits to flow to communities in the south.

We are also interested the progress of the 2015-16 Budget measure for the CIT to actively seek opportunities to provide a community campus in the Woden Town Centre.

The former CIT site, at Callum Offices, has a number of advantages as it is centrally located next to Woden's bus interchange making it accessible by rapid bus services from all districts. It is also close to the Canberra Hospital offering opportunities to establish synergies in integrated education and health courses.

We would appreciate your advice on the policy for the location of CIT's and the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the potential for higher education in Woden. I can be contacted on 0420 533 809 or [president@wvcc.org.au](mailto:president@wvcc.org.au).

I have copied this letter to Minister Fitzharris and Ms Leanne Cover, CEO, CIT.

Yours sincerely



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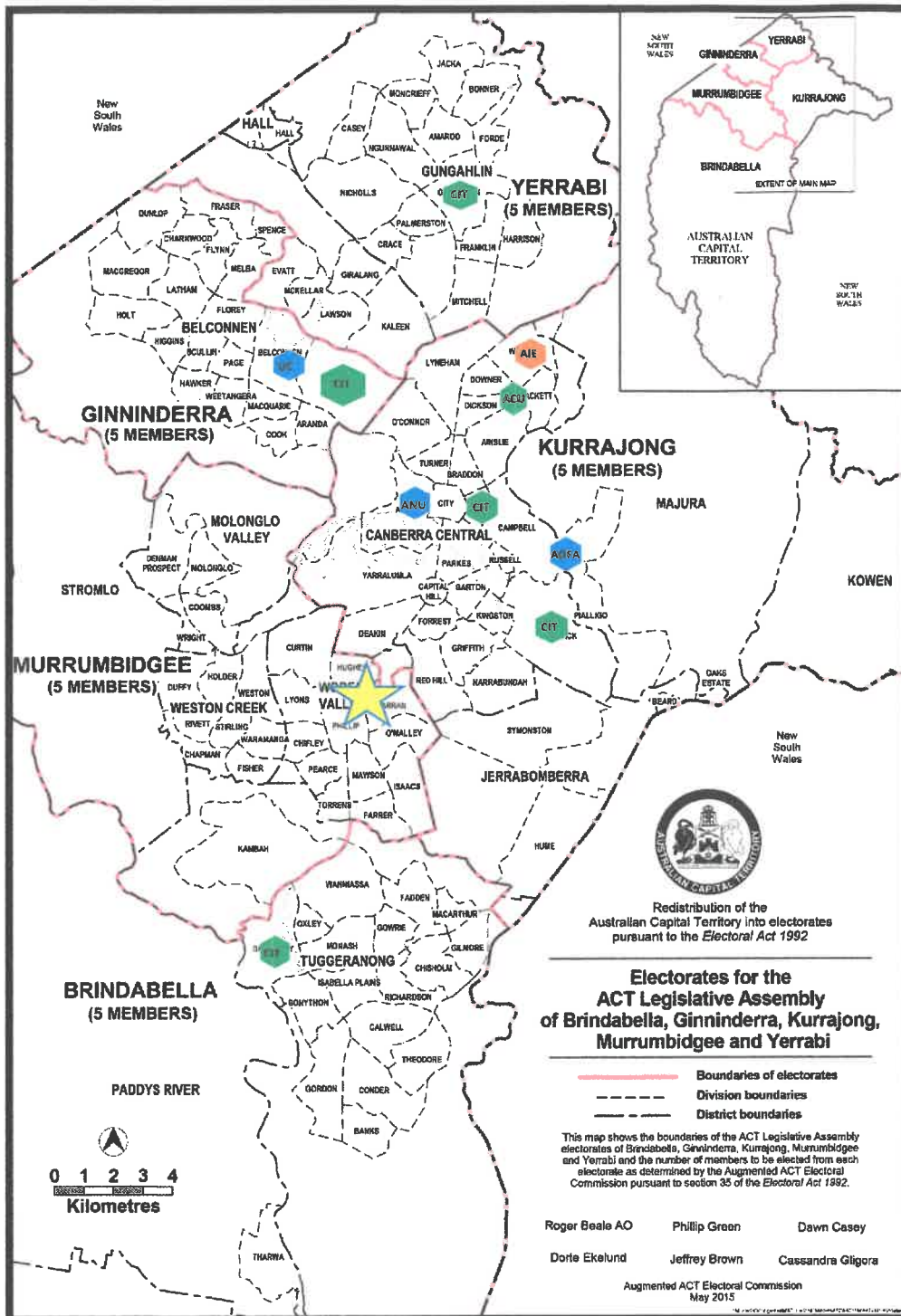


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# Location of Universities and CITs in Canberra



Proposed site in Woden