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I think most people are in agreeance that at least one seat needs to be abolished and that the most likely electorate needs to be north of the Parramatta River. The seats that have been floated are: Berowra, Bradfield, Warringah, and North Sydney. North Sydney is a federation seat so it is not ideal to have it abolished but rather something that should be avoided. Bradfield also isn't a really feasable option due to its location and historical boundaries. This leaves Warringah and Berowra, both doable options that could work. I think the best seat out of the 2 to abolish would be Berowra. The reasons behind this are that Berowra firstly covers a huge geographical area, making it easier to distribute its areas to other nearby seats. The huge seat borders 7 other electorates, meaning that splitting the electorate up would be easy and not tip any surrounding electorate above quota. Another reason would be that according to the AEC's own admission, electorates should not be named after a geographical area, and Berowra is not even a significant geographical area at that. The growth rate of the electorate is also very low. Warringah could be an alternative seat that could be abolished for similar reasons, though the seat doesn't border as many other electorates, making it slightly harder to redistribute areas to other surrounding electorates without tipping seats above quota. There are more than half a dozen proposals that have been submitted that suggest Berowra is the most workable and logical seat to be abolished and I also agree with that.