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# Comment on objections 1

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Australian Electoral Commission  
Divisions of Warringah, North Sydney,

Dear Redistribution Committee,

I write to object to the proposal to take northern areas from the division of Warringah, in particular North Curl Curl, and the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney in the NSW federal redistribution.

Instead, I support:

- Keep the divisions of Warringah and North Sydney;
- Move the boundaries of the division of North Sydney in a northerly direction and allow the electorates surrounding to assume the required number of voters from Bradfield.
- Move the boundaries of the division of Mackellar westward into St Ives, and move Berowra east to include the area around Hornsby.
- This approach allows the areas around Killarney Heights and Forestville, Dee Why and North Curl Curl to continue the strong links they share with communities within Warringah and remain in the division.
- On the Lower North Shore, expand Warringah into the North Sydney LGA up to the eastern side of the Warringah Freeway, including the whole of Kirribilli, areas of Neutral Bay not already part of the division, North Cremorne and Cammeray.

I write in support of option A as set out in Suggestion 42 by Zali Steggall MP to maintain the northern boundaries of the Warringah electorate and minimise the impact on North Sydney by pushing the south/western boundaries of the division of Warringah to the Warringah Freeway only.

As a community member residing in Mosman I am concerned that the suggestions proposing abolishing either Warringah or North Sydney are politically motivated rather than focused on accommodating expected growth, keeping together or improving representation of existing communities of interest and shared use of readily identifiable features.

Both the divisions of North Sydney and Warringah are engaged and politically active communities, that have helped shape the political landscape in the 2019 and 2022 Federal Elections. These engaged communities are critical and will help grow the interest and debate and improve representation of existing communities of interest.

It is imperative that the composition of the House of Representatives accurately reflects the Australian population and upholds principles of gender equality and diversity. I am concerned that the current AEC proposal includes the abolition of two electorates represented by women, which does not align with the diversity of our society. I do not support either the divisions of Warringah or North Sydney being considered to be abolished.

In respect to North Sydney, an improved solution would be for the boundary of the electorate of North Sydney to move in a north westerly direction to Chatswood, as set out in Suggestion 22 from Kylea Tink MP, and an outer metropolitan division be abolished instead, with its electors shared amongst surrounding electorates

I respectfully submit that this proposal delivers a better boundary redistribution, accommodates the differing rates of growth, and decline across New South Wales, keeps together, and improves representation of existing communities of interest and uses strong and readily identifiable features as electoral boundaries to the extent possible.

Kind regards

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