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Comment on Objections 4

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The augmented Electoral Commission
c/o – New South Wales Redistribution Secretariat
Australian Electoral Commission

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Dear Commissioners

Comments on Objections to the Proposed Redistribution of Federal Election Divisions in New South Wales (Proposed Redistribution) The Divisions of Bennelong, Berowra, Bradfield, and North Sydney

I welcome the opportunity to respond to the Objections to the Proposed Redistribution in my personal capacity.

A large number of Objections address two significant changes put forward in the Proposed Redistribution – namely:

1. the proposed abolition of the division of North Sydney (**North Sydney Objections**); and
2. the proposed transfer of the suburb of Epping (and similar suburbs) from the division of Bennelong to the division of Berowra (**Epping Objections**).

Further to my Objection of 17 June 2024, I agree in principle with both the North Sydney Objections and the Epping Objections.

The Epping Objections focus primarily on community of interests concerns. The augmented Electoral Commission should take the Epping Objections into account.

The North Sydney Objections do also focus on community of interests concerns, which the augmented Electoral Commission should take into account. Unfortunately, a large number of the North Sydney Objections also raise matters that I do not believe the augmented Electoral Commission is permitted to give due consideration to under *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth) section 72(11), in working towards a proposed (and hopefully, final) redistribution of New South Wales' federal electoral division boundaries. In any event, if the division of North Sydney (or some form of it) were retained, I suspect that much of that division would have to be combined with parts of the current division of Bradfield – a prospect I foreshadowed in my Objection of 17 June 2024.

I reiterate my suggestions as set out in my Objection of 17 June 2024. If desired, I would be happy to speak with the augmented Electoral Commission about my Objection of 17 June 2024 and this letter.

Yours sincerely

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