



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 8

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A poor thing about the previous NSW redistribution is that it split a lot of key and major commercial areas, which form their own strong community of interest, into separate seats. The boundaries go some way in addressing that but could be achieved better. For example, Hurstville needs to be united in one seat. It should be in Banks where it has a better community of interest from a demographic and socioeconomic point of view than Barton. Banks should then shed the areas north of the M5 east of the Salt Pan Creek to Watson where those areas have a better community of interest with than Banks. Cook should fully lose its St George areas either to Banks or Barton and Kingsford Smith shouldn't cross the Cooks River into St George. Epping shouldn't be in Berowra; it is better off either in Bennelong or Parramatta. Parramatta should shed its areas west which are better off in a Blacktown based seat and resemble more of the Parramatta LGA which the electorate is based on. The northern boundary should be the M2. Hart Drive can be the western boundary and Olympic Park can be added, resembling the state Parramatta electorate. In such a case Epping would then need to be in Parramatta. Mitchell could then compensate by expanding into the semi-rural areas of the Hills Shire which it is based on and into Cherrybrook and Beecroft. Meanwhile Reid could also compensate by expanding south into Strathfield South and/or east into Ashfield and/or Haberfield. These are better communities of interest being middle class and suburban as well as diverse. The Hughes boundary is also weird. Having Campbelltown, Liverpool and Sutherland LGAs all together is a massive mess. I will applaud the committee for the Greenway boundaries as an improvement, though long term, ideally in this redistribution, if possible, I think Greenway would need to be realigned east-west to consist solely of the north-western growth areas, while Chifley would also need to be realigned east-west to consist of the established deprived suburbs. Long term, ideally in this redistribution, if possible, Grayndler and Sydney need to be re-aligned to be east-west. The committee has gone halfway but east-west is a better community of interest. Grayndler would take in Newton to Marrickville while Sydney would take in the harbour areas from Balmain to the CBD.

Naming of electorates is another issue. North Sydney is a federation name and thus should not have a retired name. The new "Warringah" also has the North Sydney CBD, so it is perfectly valid to be named as North Sydney. I suggest instead retiring the name "Mackellar" and renaming the proposed Mackellar into

Warringah. The old Warringah LGA is synonymous with much of the proposed Mackellar's boundaries so the name can be transferred to this electorate.