



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 13

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The newly proposed NSW Redistribution of the seats of Greenway, Chifley, McMahon and Parramatta are very poorly drawn as it separates and disrupts the communities within the Blacktown City Council boundary between the Blacktown-Emu Plains T1 Western Train Line and the Great Western Highway. Some adjustments are required which might also include the electorates of Mitchell and Lindsay.

Firstly, The Suburb of Blacktown has been a significant Town Centre for both Greenway and Chifley as it has closer ties to the constituents of these two main electorates. Splitting the suburb of Blacktown between the three electorates highly divides the sense of community in federal politics and how the federal members each understand the constituents. The main electoral office of Greenway MP Michelle Rowland would be outside of her electorate that she would be representing.

Secondly, The suburb of Seven Hills should not be divided into 2 separate electorates of McMahon and Parramatta and should remain in the electorate of Greenway as the community identity of the suburb of Seven Hills is strongly connected to the main CBD of Blacktown City Council as well as the former electoral office of Greenway MP Michelle Rowland (as mentioned above) used to be located within the suburb of Seven Hills before being relocated to Blacktown CBD.

Thirdly, the suburbs of Bungaribee, Prospect and Arndell Park and the southern parts of the suburb of Doonside all have strong community connections to the major town centres of Blacktown and Mt Druitt which are located in Greenway and Chifley respectively.

To maintain the electoral number balance of the electorates, I would object Greenway gaining the suburbs of Rouse Hill and Box Hill from Mitchell, instead the electorate of Mitchell yielding the suburbs of the Parramatta LGA south of the M2 Motorway into the electorate of Parramatta, which in turn gives back the part of Seven Hills back to Greenway.

The electorate of McMahon should receive constituents elsewhere the better connect with the community which I suggest the suburbs of Luddenham and Orchard Hills be transferred to McMahon in return for the suburbs of Bungaribee, Arndell Park, Prospect and parts of Doonside, Blacktown and Seven Hills back to both the electorates of Chifley and Greenway.

With this both seats of Chifley and Greenway would still be over the quotient and the seat of Lindsay slightly under, so I suggest that the suburb of Ropes Crossing in Chifley should be transferred to Lindsay as it has a better connection to St Marys town centre than the town centres of Mt Druitt or Blacktown. Then the Greenway electorate gives the remaining part of Riverstone and Grantham Farms to Chifley while gaining the rest of Blacktown and Arndell Park (and possibly the suburb of Marayong), so that it evens out the quotient and that both electorates have dedicated CBDs of Blacktown (In Greenway) and Mt Druitt (In Chifley).

This objection helps to create the surrounding electorates of Chifley, Greenway, McMahon, Parramatta, Mitchell and Lindsay into more community oriented electorates without dividing main CBD communities like Blacktown into multiple electorates and maintaining them in two or even one main electorate.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.