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Objection 221

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Zali Steggall MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WARRINGAH



Dear Alistair,

The AEC is proposing major changes to the division of Warringah and North Sydney. As a passionate supporter of independent politics, member of Team Zali and our amazing volunteer community, I need your help.

It's important to stand up for our communities and make sure community voices and views are given proportional weight by the AEC to that of political parties in the current electoral boundary review.

You can stand up for independent electorates and communities by making an objection to the AEC in response to their proposal to significantly change the division of Warringah and abolish the division of North Sydney.

I strongly believe that there is opportunity to maintain all current localities within Warringah and minimise impact on the division of North Sydney whilst still achieving the required numbers of voters within the electorate.

Further, whilst noting that a division is to be abolished in NSW, I am concerned that the AEC has not given sufficient weight to all the considerations, in particular, keeping communities of interest together and the considerable mobilisation of communities to elect an independent.

The AEC has proposed that the division of North Sydney be abolished in the NSW federal redistribution. I note that the primary suggestions in respect to

NSW federal redistribution. I note that the primary suggestions in respect to abolishing the division of Warringah came from the Liberal party, and for North Sydney from the NSW National party. I am concerned that the AEC has given disproportionate consideration to politically motivated suggestions by political parties and their members over community suggestions and has not sufficiently considered abolishing divisions held by either the Liberal party or National party.

A further consequence or possible unconscious bias of the AEC is that divisions proposed to be abolished in both NSW and Victoria are currently represented by female MPs. At a time of inadequate gender diversity in parliament, this is a factor in considering whether the proposed redistribution will in fact “keep together or improve representation of existing communities of interest”, as set out at [75] of the AEC reasons for proposal.

I appreciate the work the AEC has done thus far; however, I believe a better solution is for the AEC to abolish an outer metropolitan division. It is critical that the AEC keep metropolitan communities of interest together. This can be achieved by:

- Moving the boundaries of the division of North Sydney in a northerly direction and allowing 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 Berowra to move 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, Warringah can expand 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.

Can you write an objection?

It's critical that the AEC hears directly from you – your voice matters, especially if you are located in an area due to be taken out of the division of Warringah

Should you need assistance in writing an objection, please feel free to use all, or parts of, the letter below.

Example

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:

- Keeping the divisions of Warringah and North Sydney;*
- Moving the boundaries of the division of North Sydney in a northerly direction and allowing 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 Berowra to move 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, Warringah expand 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 **[name suburb]**, I am concerned that the suggestions proposing abolishing either Warringah or North Sydney are politically motivated rather than focussed on accommodating expected growth, keeping together or improving representation of existing communities of interest*

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

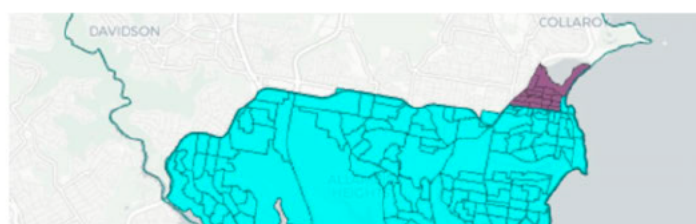
I respectfully submit that this proposal delivers a better boundary redistribution, accommodates the differing rates of growth, and decline across New South Wales, keeps together, and improves representation of existing communities of interest and uses strong and readily identifiable features as electoral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

Kind regards

Here is a map of the boundary suggestions (Option A) that I proposed during the first round of suggestions.

OPTION A

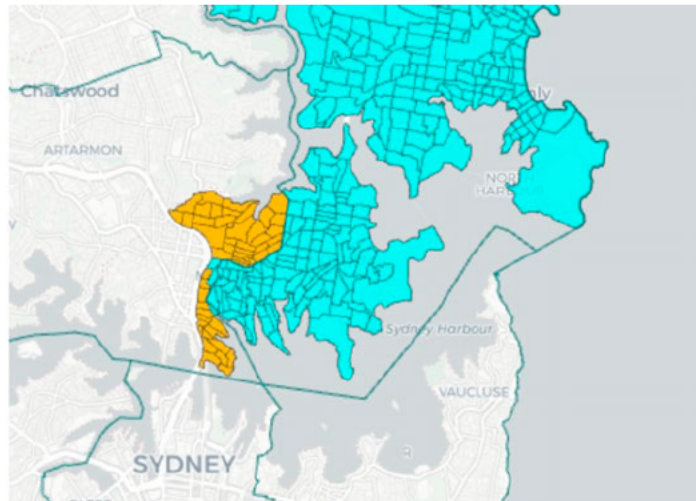
**Map of proposed Division of Warringah
Zali Steggall MP**



Division

- WARRINGAH
- NORTH SYDNEY
- MACKELLAR

- Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (2021)



Objections close Friday July 12 at 6pm

Guidelines for making a public submission are available here <https://www.aec.gov.au/redistributions/guidelines/submission-guidelines.html>

The easiest way to lodge your objection is online <https://www.aec.gov.au/redistributions/2023/nsw/objections.html>

[Make an objection here](#)

Please note that your objection will be published on the AEC website. The AEC also refers to objections influencing its considerations, so the more objections that are made from the community, the more impactful and significant the communities' views will be. The final redistribution decision will be made by the augmented Electoral Commission for New South Wales and is due to be finalised on October 10, 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest, and as always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours sincerely





Zali Steggall MP

We acknowledge and pay deep respect to First Nations Australians, the Traditional Custodians, Elders past and present, whose country we work and live on. We also acknowledge that the history of this Warringah land is complex, and that there is a need for healing. We express our heartfelt thanks to the local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, and are committed to respecting their connection to land, sea and sky. May we tread lightly and carefully on this precious land.



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