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Objection 224

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Dear AEC,

I have been a resident in Bennelong the entirety of my life and in that time I have never seen such a massive change to the electoral boundaries as what is proposed. The removal of parts of Epping from the electorate to include North Sydney areas is extremely concerning. The electorate itself is rather broad economically and socially, but the inclusion of Northern Sydney and wealthier areas of Sydney is extremely disingenuous to the regions covered by Ryde council and Epping due to the different character and needs of these different regions. The problems in the more wealthy areas of Sydney such as Hunters Hill are different to those say in other regions of Bennelong such as West Ryde. For example there is absolutely no housing density in Hunters Hill or big chunks of Lane Cove compared with Ryde, Macquarie Park or Epping so any associated problems good or bad coming from this do not exist in these areas. On top of that this electoral boundary change is incredibly controversial given this was one of the most marginal seats in the country in the last election and the areas that are to be included are much safer Coalition areas that would vote against the current incumbent, so it could be seen this is almost a political act to remove a competitive seat by an apolitical organisation. For these reasons and many others, I will be objecting to these proposed changes.

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