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Objection 511

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Objection to Bennelong Redistribution

I am lodging an objection to the proposed redistribution of the Bennelong electorate.

There are a number of better alternatives.

First, existing Local Government Area boundaries should not be used as a guide for redistribution, especially in the case of North Epping. Whilst it is convenient to delineate on the basis of geographical features such as the M2 and Terry's creek, it is also non-sensical. The Local Government Area boundary is also non-sensical. There is no physical or cultural connection between North Epping and the Berowra electorate. There is no direct access to North Epping from the Berowra electorate, other than through Epping and the Bennelong electorate. A close look at the map would indicate that the more appropriate boundary is the existing boundary along Devlin's Creek from the M2 through Pennant Hills Park to the Lane Cove River and to Brown's Waterhole, and along Terry's creek from the M2 to Brown's Waterhole thereby leaving North Epping in Bennelong.

It is also not appropriate to split Epping along Terry's Creek and Midson Road in an endeavour to include it in the Berowra electorate. The M2 and Midson Rd form a more sensible boundary. It would better align the cultural, physical and economic interest of Epping to extend the Bennelong electorate up to the M2.

As a poor second option, it would be preferable to use the existing Boundary to include Epping and North Epping in the Parramatta electorate.

In summary, the 2 better redistribution areas would, in order of appropriateness, be to include the Epping and North Epping area bounded by Midson Road, M2, Devlin's Creek Lane Cove River and Terry's Creek in:

1. Bennelong
2. Parramatta

Thank you for the opportunity

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