



Objection 521

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Mr Tom Rogers Electoral Commissioner Australian Electoral Commission Via AEC website

Dear Electoral Commissioner,

Proposed Redistribution of NSW into Electoral Divisions – May 2024 Objection to Retiring the Name 'North Sydney'

I write to object to retiring the name 'North Sydney', per the May 2024 proposed NSW electoral redistribution report ("the May 2024 Report").

And to propose that the new seat arising from merging the existing North Sydney and Warringah electorates should be named North Sydney.

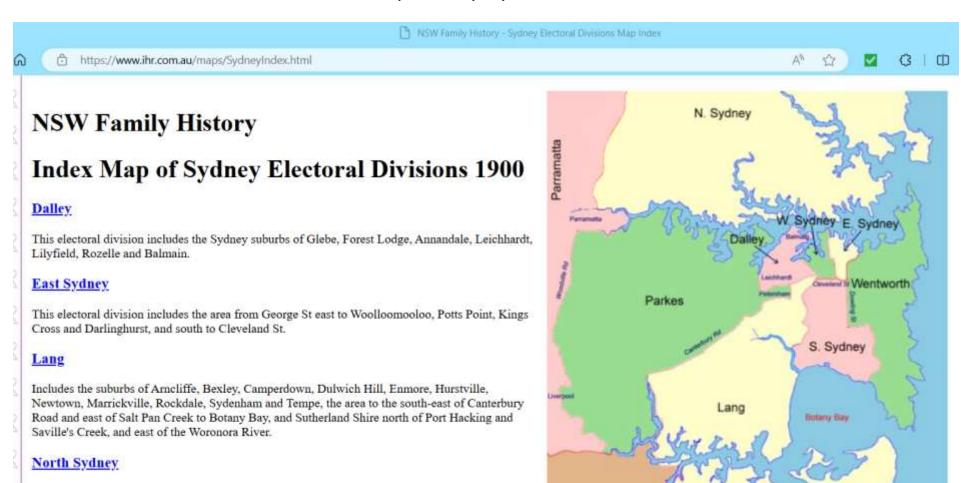
The reasons for my objection and proposal are:

- North Sydney is a Federation Divisional name and, as per AEC policy "every effort should be
 made to retain the names of the original federation divisions" (see <u>Guidelines for naming</u>
 <u>federal electoral divisions Australian Electoral Commission (aec.gov.au)</u>).
- The May 2024 Report does not demonstrate that every effort indeed, any effort has been made to retain the North Sydney name.
- The existing North Sydney electorate, the existing Warringah electorate and the proposed merged electorate all fall within the boundaries of the 1900 North Sydney electorate (see map in the Attachment), providing a clear link for all these electorates to the North Sydney federation electorate.
- Very little of the merged electorate will have a link to "Warringah", being the former
 Warringah Council area. Most of the merged electorate identifies with and resides in the
 North Sydney, Mosman and former Manly Council areas and have no community of interest with Warringah.
- That is, all voters in the electorate can have some identification with North Sydney, both historically and broadly geographically; but only a few voters will identify with Warringah.
- Ultimately the merged electorate can be expected to have no overlap and identification with
 the former local Warringah Council following future redistributions. Population growth can
 be expected to result in the northern boundary with the Mackellar electorate to continue to
 move south towards Manly in future years.
- Indeed, the May 2024 Report significantly underestimates the expected population growth in North Sydney, as the NSW Government has announced that a new Transport Oriented Development zone will be centred on the new Metro station at Crows Nest. Once the AEC adjusts for that, the boundary with Mackellar may need to be moved further south now.
- North Sydney is the second major CBD in Sydney, which is a further factor in retaining this as the name of its federal and Federation electorate.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Hartnell

Map of North Sydney Electorate in 1900



Includes Gosford and Wyong and the area north from Port Jackson and the Parramatta River to

Morrisset and Lake Macquarie.