



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 594

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The Australian Electoral Commission
New South Wales Redistribution Secretariat
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RE: New South Wales Federal Redistribution of Electorates

I write as a long time resident and voter in the Warringah electorate. I object to the proposal in relation to the redistribution of the division of Warringah.

I particularly object to the removal of the northern areas of the division of Warringah and I completely disagree with the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney in this NSW federal distribution.

It is of particular concern to me that the Electoral Commission is seeking to abolish a seat that is now being held by an Independent and to redistribute a seat held by another Independent. I reside in Manly and I have supported the Independents over many years at the Local, State and Federal levels.

The demographic areas of North Sydney and the Northern beaches have been leading the movement for electing Independents in Local government, followed by State Government and now in Federal seats.

I am concerned that these proposed redistributions are politically motivated rather than focussed on accommodating expected growth, keeping together or improving representation of existing communities.

Further, I am concerned that the current AEC proposal includes the abolition of two electorates represented by women. This 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.

Hence I urge the Electoral commission consider the following options

- Keep the divisions of Warringah and North Sydney;
- Move the boundaries of the division of North Sydney in a northerly direction and enable 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 the electorate of 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.

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.

In respect to the electorate of North Sydney a better option is to move the seat in a north westerly direction to Chatswood as suggested by Kylea Tink MP, and an outer metropolitan division be abolished instead, and its electors shared amongst surrounding electorates.

Please consider my suggestions as we must ensure that democratic representation in a healthy democracy should be balanced and reflect the perspectives of the members of the electorates and works to improve the representation of the citizens of that community.

Yours sincerely

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