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Objection 710

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This is to object to the amendments to Electoral Boundaries proposed in your Report released on June 14, and specifically shown on your map for Bennelong dated May 2024.

I am a member of Epping Civic Trust, an organisation which seeks to improve the amenity of Epping as a place to live and work.

I am dismayed by the changes you have proposed. The suburb of Epping as recognised by the community and current maps runs east to Marsden Road. You now propose a boundary running along Midson Road, effectively cutting the suburb of Epping in half. Half will be in the Parramatta Division and half will be in Berowra. Our experience from a similar split in local government between Epping (Parramatta LGA) and North Epping (Hornsby LGA) over recent years is detrimental to good Government service.

The proposed boundary between Bennelong and Berowra runs along Terrys Creek. Terrys Creek is not recognised as a boundary or indeed a significant feature by anyone other than the occasional bushwalker. I believe that the existing boundary between Bennelong and Berowra, running along the M2 and around the northern part of North Epping should be retained. Thus Epping, running East to Marsden Rd, together with North Epping, running to the Lane Cove River could be in a single Division. I would prefer Bennelong. Epping has little in common with the Berowra area.

Epping, North Epping, Eastwood and West Ryde have been identified by the community who lives here as a single "district" for many years, and splitting it into three as proposed ignores the history, heritage and community of the area. Tis Epping Community has less in common with the North Sydney area and if population numbers are an issue, perhaps this area could be excised from Bennelong.