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Suggestion 43

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Submission for the Proposed Redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in New South Wales 2023-24

Dear The Redistribution Committee of New South Wales,

First, I thank you for the opportunity to submit these suggestions.

Below are suggestions for boundaries for the entirety of the State of New South Wales. My suggestions pertain merely to the boundaries and not the names of the divisions, for which I have used existing names where convenient as well as geographic placeholder names in the case of new divisions.

The differing growth rates in the state have resulted in my suggesting abolishing three seats: Grayndler, North Sydney and Cunningham and the creation of two new seats. One in the Camden area and one based on the Cumberland City Council.

In creating the boundaries, I have considered both current and previous boundaries of electoral divisions and local government areas as well as major roads, rivers, and bodies of water. I have also strived to unite communities within the one electorate wherever possible.

I hope this is of some use to the committee and I look forward to reading the suggestions of others.

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Northern and Western New South Wales

Whilst the electorates on the North Coast are largely within quota, the electorates in the west of the state are significantly under quota. As such only marginal changes are proposed to the electorates in the north whilst major changes are proposed in the west.



Richmond - Current Electors: 122977, Projected Electors: 129794

Page - Current Electors: 122675, Projected Electors: 128983

Calare - Current Electors: 121992, Projected Electors: 125725

Farrer - Current Electors: 120402, Projected Electors: 120402

No Change

Cowper - Current Electors: 129076, Projected Electors: 132230

The division of Page is above quota and hence needs to shed voters. As such it is proposed that it loses the area around Thrumster to Lyne. This is in order to keep the urban area of Port Macquarie entirely in Lyne.

Lyne - Current Electors: 122133, Projected Electors: 129065

Whilst the division of Lyne is within quota upon the addition of Thrumster from Cowper it becomes above quota. As such it is proposed that the area of Lorn, Bolwarra, Bolwarra Heights and Largs are transferred to Paterson. This unites all of the Maitland area in Paterson.

New England - Current Electors: 131335, Projected Electors: 130289

The division of New England is significantly under quota. However, following the addition of Muswellbrook and Singleton from Hunter it becomes over quota. As a result, it is proposed that Inverell is transferred to Parkes.

Parkes - Current Electors: 132519, Projected Electors: 130353

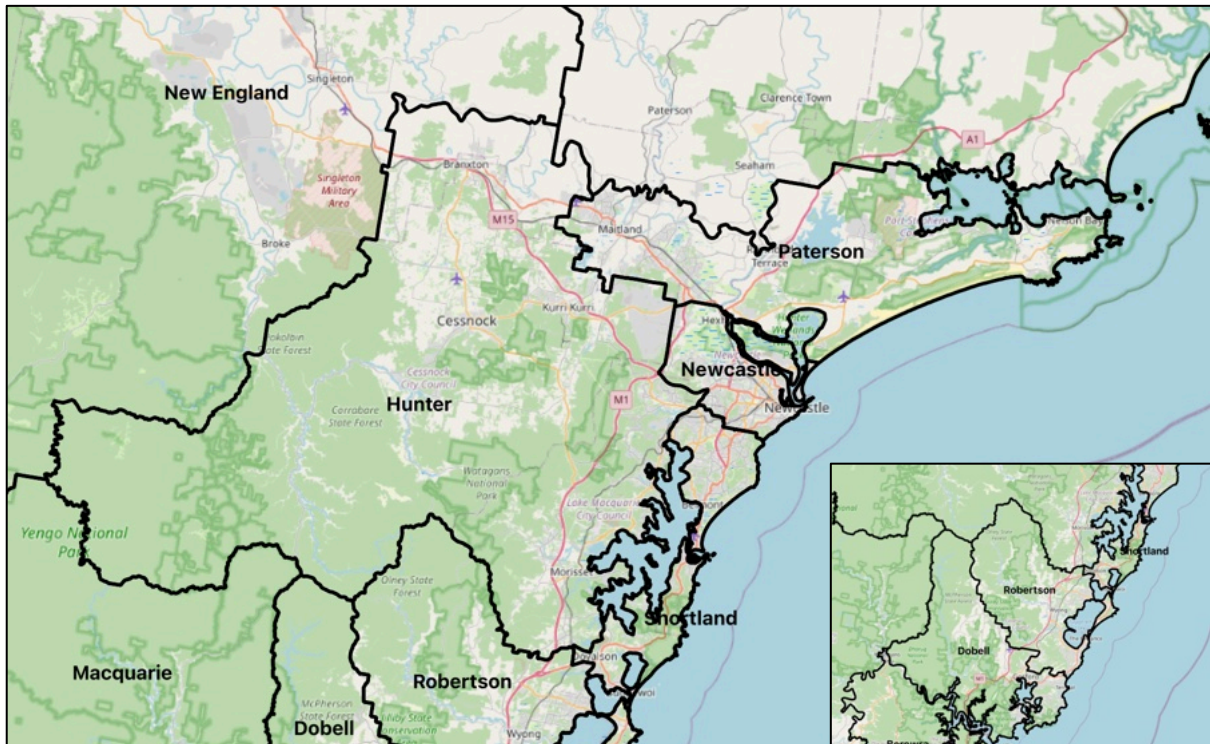
The division of Parkes is significantly under quota. As such it is proposed that in addition to Inverell being transferred from New England that the entirety of Parkes and the Parkes shire council is transferred from Riverina.

Riverina - Current Electors: 126019, Projected Electors: 126438

The division of Riverina is under quota, and this is exacerbated by Parkes Shire Council being transferred to the division of Parkes. To compensate it is proposed that the entirety of the Snowy Valleys council is added to Riverina from Eden-Monaro. The Snowy Valleys council is poorly connected to the rest of Eden-Monaro and is a better fit within Riverina. This change also restores the Great Dividing Range a prominent natural feature as the boundary. In addition, Yass has also been transferred from Eden-Monaro for similar reasons.

Central Coast and Hunter

The electorates in the Central Coast and the Hunter are mostly in or close to the quota. As such only minor changes are needed to bring all seats in line.



Robertson - Current Electors: 119110, Projected Electors
Dobell - Current Electors: 112982, Projected Electors
Newcastle - Current Electors: 123570, Projected Electors
No Change

Shortland - Current Electors: 120128, Projected Electors:

The division of Shortland is slightly under quota and thus only has to undergo minor changes. It is proposed to gain Glendale and Argenton from Hunter.

Paterson - Current Electors: 122305, Projected Electors:

The division of Paterson is significantly over quota. Especially following the addition of areas north of Maitland from Lyne. As such it is proposed that Kurri Kurri and all areas in Cessnock City Council are transferred into Hunter. This unites the whole of this local government area within the one division.

Hunter - Current Electors: 119751, Projected Electors:

Whilst the division of Hunter is only slightly over quota, the addition of the rest of the Cessnock local government area from Paterson makes the division significantly over quota. As such it is necessitated that Singleton and Muswellbrook are transferred out of Hunter and into New England. This returns Hunter to the quota and makes it a more compact division based on Cessnock and Lake Macquarie.

Southern New South Wales

There is significant variety in the sizes of division currently in Southern New South Wales with Hume being over quota, whilst Cunningham is under quota.

Furthermore, the flow-on effects from changes in Western New South Wales also affect this region. As such, it is proposed that there are major changes in this region with the Division of Cunningham proposed to be abolished.



Eden-Monaro - Current Electors: 124335, Projected Electors: 132598

Whilst the division of Eden-Monaro is only slightly under quota, the loss of Yass and the Snowy Valleys Council puts this division significantly under quota. As such significant change is proposed. It is proposed that the area surrounding Murrumbateman, Bundgendore and Braidwood is transferred to Hume, whilst the Eurobodalla Shire Council and Ulladulla is transferred from Gilmore. This area unites much of the South Coast in one division and allows for better boundaries further north.

Gilmore - Current Electors: 127589, Projected Electors: 132048

Whilst the division of Gilmore is only slightly above quota, the loss of the Eurobodalla and Ulladulla to Eden-Monaro puts it significantly under quota. As such it is proposed that most of Shellharbour (all except Albion Park) is transferred from Whitlam. This unites Shellharbour, Kiama and Nowra in the one division.

Whitlam - Current Electors: 130639, Projected Electors: 132286

Whilst the division of Whitlam is within quota, the loss of Shellharbour to Gilmore puts it significantly under quota. Furthermore, currently Whitlam is a division which contains parts of both the Illawarra and Wingecarribee Shire Council, two areas which share little in common. As such it is proposed that the entirety of Wingecarribee Shire Council is transferred to Hume. This makes Whitlam a seat based solely in the Illawarra, whilst also uniting all of Wingecarribee Shire Council with the surrounding areas of Goulburn and Wollondilly Shire Council in the one division, creating a division based on the Hume Highway. To compensate for this loss, it is proposed that Whitlam gains Wollongong and Port Kembla from Cunningham.

Cunningham (Abolished)

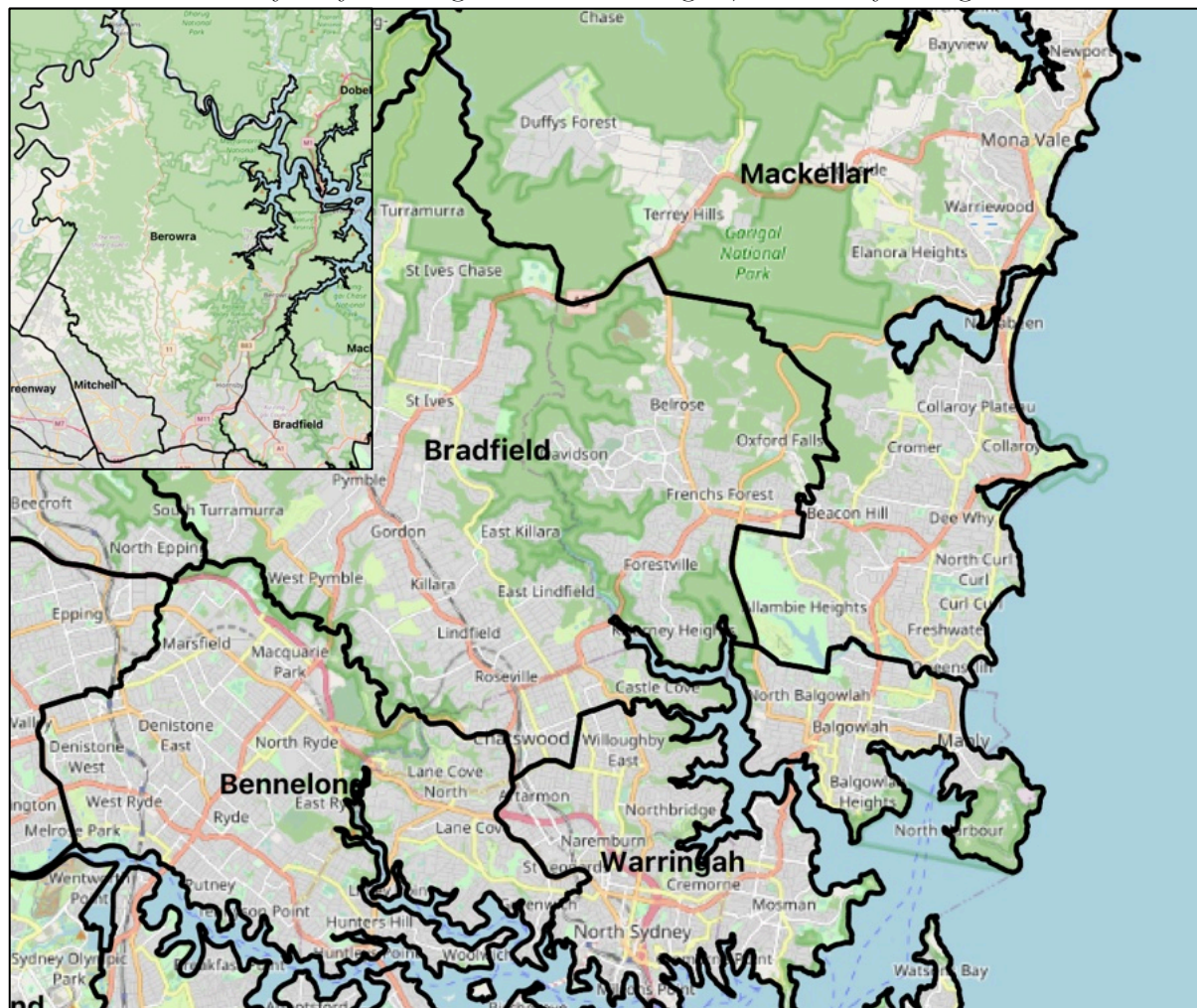
The division of Cunningham is significantly under quota, which is worsened by the removal of most of its population, the areas of Wollongong and Port Kembla to Whitlam. As such it is proposed that this division is abolished with its northern areas transferred to Hughes.

Hume - Current Electors: 123861, Projected Electors: 132201

The division of Hume is over quota, and the flow on effects from changes to other divisions necessitate that it undergoes significant change. Whilst currently, Hume is contiguous on a map, it is in essence separated into two parts: one centred on Goulburn and one centred Camden which are only connected by largely unpopulated national park. This separation is remedied by the addition of the remainder of the Wingecarribee Shire Council from Whitlam; however, this only makes Hume even more over quota. As a result, it is proposed that the entirety of Camden Shire council is transferred to a new seat in Southwestern Sydney. This makes Hume an entirely regional seat rather than its current half urban half regional status.

Northern Sydney

The divisions in Northern Sydney are largely significantly under quota. As such significant change is proposed to boundaries in this region. It is proposed that the division of North Sydney is merged with Warringah, effectively being abolished.



Berowra - Current Electors: 122723, Projected Electors: 125070

The division of Berowra is significantly under quota and thus needs to undergo significant change. It is proposed that Berowra gains the rest of Hornsby from Bradfield as well as North Epping from Bennelong. This puts all of Hornsby Shire Council within the one division as well as uniting all of Hornsby, a major centre.

Mitchell - Current Electors: 108823, Projected Electors: 129236

The division of Berowra is significantly over quota and thus needs to undergo significant change. It is proposed that Mitchell loses all of the region south of the M2 Motorway, a large barrier, to Parramatta. This makes Mitchell a seat entirely within the Hills Shire Council.

Bradfield - Current Electors: 124178, Projected Electors: 124847

The division of Bradfield is significantly under quota and thus needs to undergo significant change. This is only worsened by the loss of parts of Hornsby to Berowra. As such it is proposed that Bradfield expand southwards to absorb all of Chatswood from North Sydney, uniting it within one division as well as eastwards gaining most of the Forest District (all except Terrey Hills) from Mackellar. It should be noted that a division crossing Middle Harbour Creek is present on a State level in New South Wales in the form of Davidson and that Bradfield did so as well, on a federal level, prior to the year 2000.

Mackellar - Current Electors: 121566, Projected Electors: 128619

The division of Mackellar is significantly under quota and thus needs to undergo significant change. This is only worsened by the loss of the Forest District to Bradfield. As such it is proposed that Mackellar expand southwards, setting the new boundary between it and Warringah as the boundary between the old Warringah and Manly local government areas. This division unites most of the coastal part of the Northern Beaches, area with a similar character in the one electorate.

Warringah - Current Electors: 132949, Projected Electors: 131295

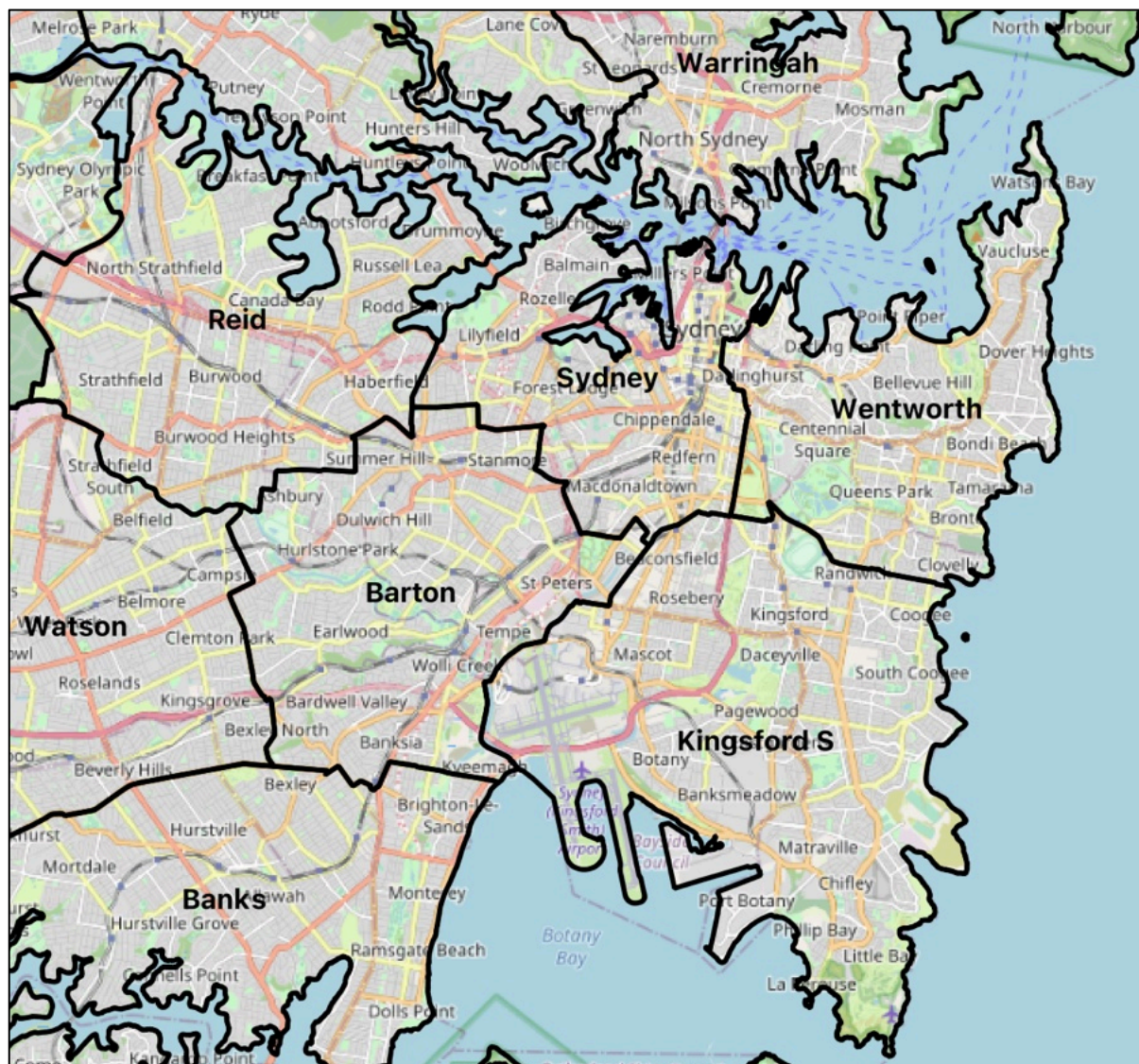
As mentioned before the divisions of North Sydney is proposed to be abolished by effectively merging it with Warringah. Both seats are significantly under quota, with further territory being lost to other divisions in the region also expanding. It is proposed that the Lane Cove Municipal Council is transferred to Bennelong along with West Chatswood and Hunters Hill, with the remainder of North Sydney being transferred to Warringah. This combines North Sydney, Willoughby, Mosman and Manly into one division centred on middle harbour.

Bennelong - Current Electors: 121974, Projected Electors: 125846

The division of Bennelong is under quota and thus needs to undergo significant change. The addition of West Chatswood and Lane Cove Council reflects a configuration crossing Lane Cove that is present both on a state level with the Electoral District of Lane Cove and on a federal level with Bennelong prior to 1992. Furthermore, it is proposed that Epping as well as Ermington are transferred to Parramatta. This fixed the western boundary with Parramatta to be the boundary between the City of Ryde and the City of Parramatta.

Inner Sydney

The divisions in Inner Sydney are largely significantly under quota. As such significant change is proposed to boundaries in this region. As such it is proposed that the division of Grayndler is abolished.



Wentworth - Current Electors: 127991, Projected Electors: 126404

The division of Wentworth is significantly under quota and as such needs to expand significantly. As such it is proposed to expand both Southwards and Westwards. Its southern boundary is proposed to be shifted to Alison Road, uniting all of Clovelly in Wentworth, taking in areas from Kingsford Smith. In the west it is proposed to expand to include all of Woollomooloo and Darlinghurst, taking in areas from Sydney. It should be noted that Darlinghurst and Woollomooloo were previously contained in Wentworth prior to 1992.

Kingsford Smith - Current Electors: 119886, Projected Electors: 126562

The division of Kingsford Smith is under quota and thus needs to expand. This is worsened by the loss of the rest of Clovelly to Wentworth. It is proposed that Kingsford Smith expand northwards taking in Zetland, Beaconsfield and Roseberry, areas, some of which, were included in Kingsford Smith prior to 2009, from Sydney.

Sydney - Current Electors: 132207, Projected Electors: 125070

The division of Sydney is under quota, which is worsened by areas lost to the expanding Wentworth and Kingsford Smith. As such it is proposed that Sydney expands westwards taking in the areas around Balmain and Leichhardt from Grayndler. This reverts Sydney to a configuration that was in use prior to 2016.

Reid - Current Electors: 125926, Projected Electors: 130086

The division of Reid is currently within quota but is proposed to have altered boundaries to facilitate better boundaries elsewhere. It is proposed that Reid lose the portion that is in The City of Cumberland, the area around the Sydney Olympic Park, to a new seat, whilst gaining the areas of Ashfield, Haberfield, Enfield, Burwood Heights and Croydon Park from Grayndler and Watson. This makes Reid solely a seat based in the Inner West, whilst also moving its southern boundary to the stronger boundary of the Cooks River, a configuration that closely resembles the old, abolished Division of Lowe.

Grayndler (abolished)

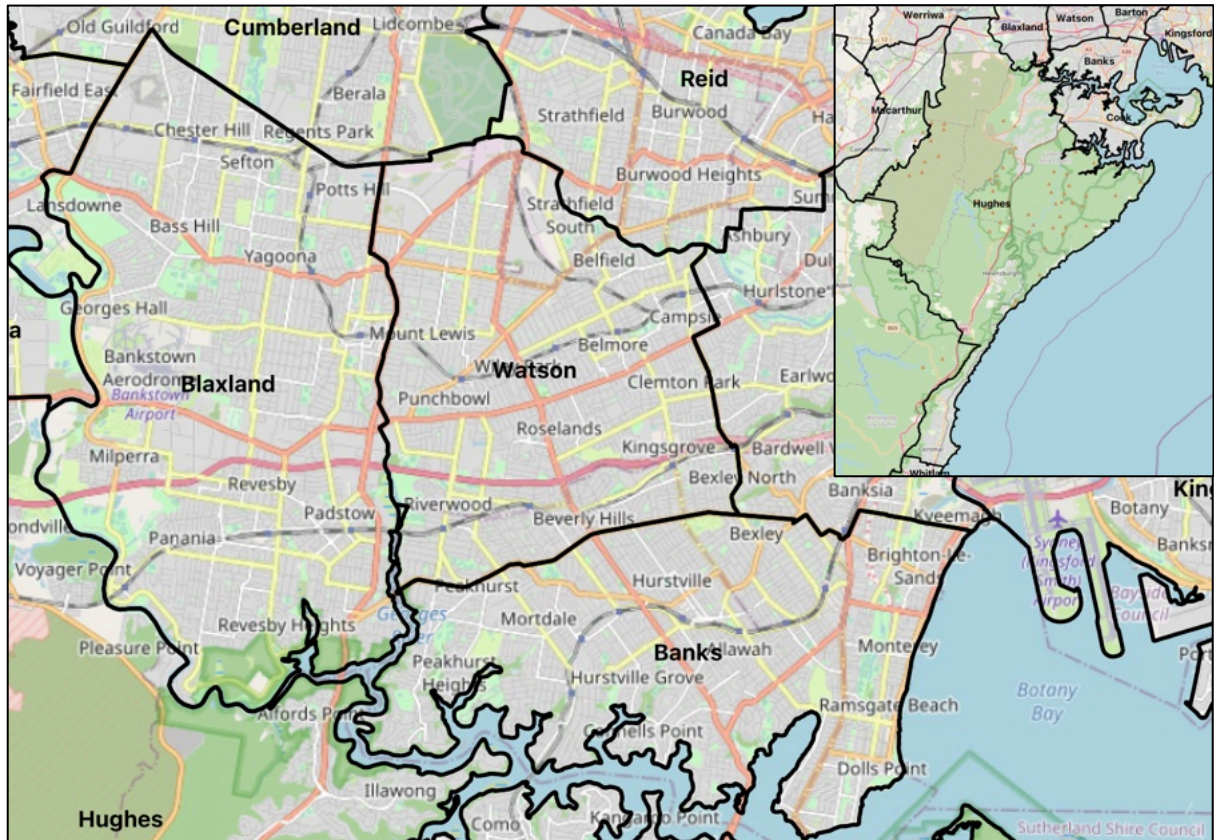
The division of Grayndler is under quota significantly, which is further worsened by losing areas to both Reid and Sydney. As such, and due to all surrounding electorates to the south also being under quota it is proposed that the Division of Grayndler is abolished, with the remainder of its electors being transferred to the Division of Barton.

Barton - Current Electors: 123641, Projected Electors: 129853

Whilst the Division of Barton is only slightly under quota it has to expand northwards significantly due to the abolition of Grayndler taking areas in such as Canterbury, Ashbury, Marrickville, Enmore and Lewisham mostly from Grayndler but also from Watson. This is done to unite all of Canterbury in Barton. As such Barton needs to lose the areas of Bexley and Hurstville to Banks as well as some area to Watson.

Southern Sydney

The divisions in Southern Sydney are largely under quota. This coupled with flow-on effects from other boundary changes necessitate that the boundaries in this region undergo major change.



Banks - Current Electors: 122776, Projected Electors: 133583

The division of Banks is under quota and thus needs to undergo change. The scope of this change is significantly increased due to flow on effects from other boundary changes. It is proposed that Banks moves significantly eastwards, losing all of its territory west of Salt Pan Creek to Blaxland as well as the area around Riverwood and Narwee to Watson with its northern boundary now becoming the Forest and Stony Creek Roads. Banks is also proposed to gain Hurstville and Bexley from Barton, uniting Hurstville as well as Kogarah and Rockdale from Cook. This unites the more coastal communities along the Georges River and Botany Bay into one electorate and allows Cook to remain entirely within the Sutherland Shire.

Watson - Current Electors: 112095, Projected Electors: 125585

The division of Watson is only slightly under quota and as such only needs minor change. As such it moves southwards slightly, compensating for a loss of territory in the north as described before by gaining Riverwood, Narwee and Kingsgrove from Barton and Banks. This shifts its southern boundary to the Forest and Stony Creek Roads.

Blaxland - Current Electors: 114332, Projected Electors: 128189

The Division of Blaxland is under quota and thus needs to gain electors. It is proposed that Blaxland shift southwards losing the remainder of the City of Cumberland to a new seat, whilst taking in the area of Canterbury-Bankstown currently in Banks. This changes its boundaries to be exactly the boundaries of the former Bankstown local government area.

Cook - Current Electors: 117577, Projected Electors: 132998

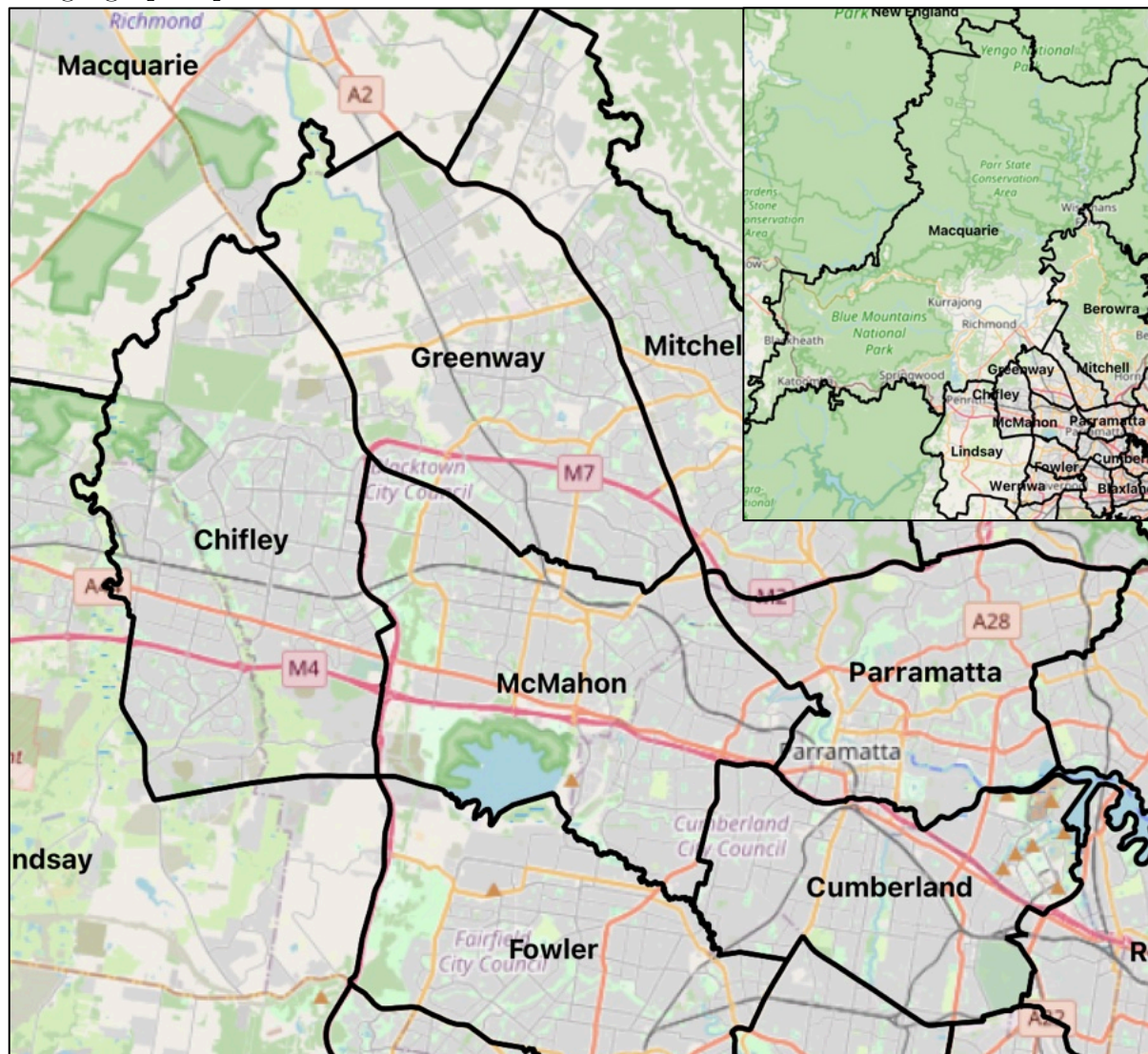
The Division of Cook is slightly under quota but is proposed to undergo major change to make it a seat entirely within the Sutherland Shire. It is proposed to lose its territory north of the Georges River to Banks, whilst gaining areas around Sutherland and Como from Hughes. This makes its western boundary the strong natural feature of the Woronara River. This makes Cook a division bounded on almost all sides by prominent natural features.

Hughes - Current Electors: 120773, Projected Electors: 128453

The Division of Hughes is under quota, which is only worsened by the loss of parts of the Sutherland Shire to Cook. As such it is proposed to expand southwards into the Illawarra, taking the remainder of Cunningham (from Corrimal northwards). It should be noted that such a configuration in Hughes was used prior to the year 2000.

North-western Sydney

The divisions in North-western Sydney are largely over quota. This necessitates that the boundaries in this region undergo major change. It is proposed that in this region that a new seat is created based on the City of Cumberland. It will be referred to by the geographic placeholder name of Cumberland.



Parramatta - Current Electors: 116133, Projected Electors: 124915

The Division of Parramatta is significantly under quota and needs to undergo major boundary changes due to this, as well as its central location resulting in large flow-on-effects from other changes further east. As previously described, Parramatta gains the area around Epping from Bennelong and the area around Winston Hills from Mitchell. This makes its Northern and Eastern Boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Parramatta. To compensate for this, it is proposed that Parramatta loses territory south of the M4 to Cumberland as well as areas around Toongabbie and Wentworthville to McMahon. It should be noted that these boundaries for Parramatta have strong edges in the south (M4), the north and the east (LGA boundaries).

Cumberland - Current Electors: 111217, Projected Electors: 129293

It is proposed that a new seat is created based on the Cumberland LGA with boundaries exactly the same as the old Division of Reid from 2000-2006. This seat is in an area of Sydney with reasonably stable population, as evidenced by the strong population growth through the forward projections. It takes in the Sydney Olympic Park from Reid, Lidcombe and Auburn from Blaxland, Guildford from McMahon and Holroyd from Parramatta. It should be noted that it has strong boundaries in the form of the M4 in the North, A28 and Prospect Creek in the west as well as LGA boundaries in the South and East.

McMahon - Current Electors: 116133, Projected Electors: 125435

Whilst the Division of McMahon is within quota its central location surrounded by areas with high growth necessitate that changes are made to it. It is proposed that McMahon is shifted Northwards becoming a seat primarily based on Blacktown. It is proposed to lose the electors West of the M7 to Chifley and Lindsay as well as its area in Fairfield Council to Fowler and the aforementioned territory east of the A28 to Cumberland. As such it moves significantly northwards taking in Blacktown, Wentworthville, Toongabbie and surrounds. This unites the centre of Blacktown in one division, whereas it is currently split. Its Northern Boundary thus becomes Richmond Road, Lucas Road, Seven Hills Road and the Old Windsor Road, all strong boundaries.

Greenway - Current Electors: 109418, Projected Electors: 126903

The Division of Greenway is significantly over quota and as such needs to contract significantly. It is proposed that it loses the electors south of Lucas and Seven Hills Roads to McMahon, whilst gaining voters west of the Richmond Railway Line and East of Richmond Road from Chifley. This creates a division based on the Northern area of the Blacktown LGA, uniting areas such as Schofields and Riverstone within the one division.

Chifley - Current Electors: 115254, Projected Electors: 133297

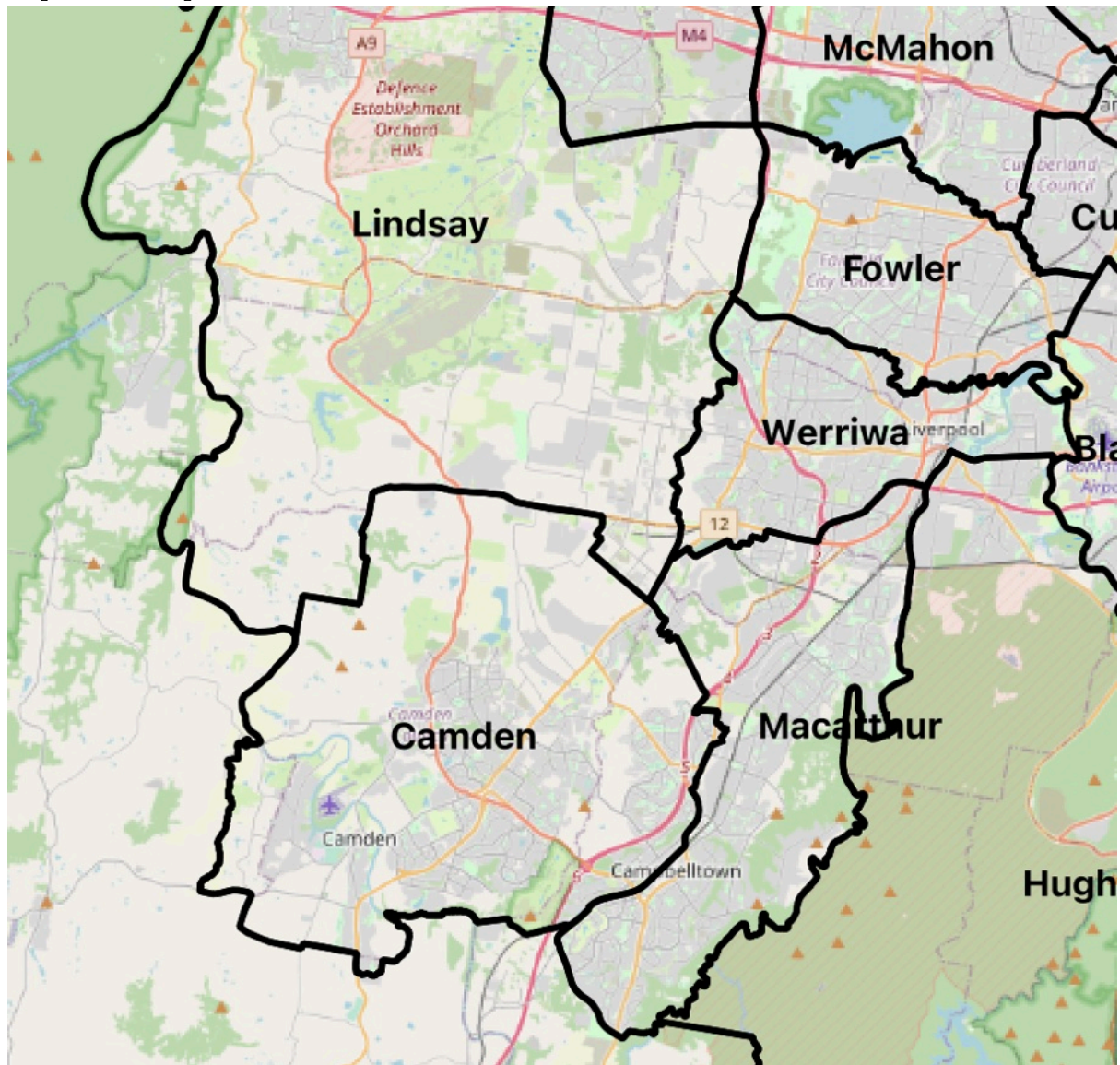
The Division of Chifley is significantly over quota and as such needs to contract significantly. It is proposed that it loses the electors east of the M7 and Richmond Road to Greenway and McMahon, giving it a strong Eastern Boundary. It is also proposed to gain St Marys from Lindsay giving it the Western Boundary of South Creek, and St Clair from McMahon, uniting it with St Marys. This makes Chifley a division based on Mount Druitt and St Marys.

Macquarie - Current Electors: 118081, Projected Electors: 128598

The Division of Macquarie is under quota and as such needs to expand. It is proposed that Macquarie gain the rural area in the north of Penrith City Council around Londonderry from Lindsay. This area fits well in Macquarie due to its rural nature and its good road connections to the Hawkesbury in the north.

South-western Sydney

The divisions in South-western Sydney are largely over quota. This necessitates that the boundaries in this region undergo major change. It is proposed that in this region that a new seat is created based on the Camden Council Area. It will be referred to by the geographic placeholder name of Camden. This area of Sydney is growing very fast and as such many of the divisions have close to the maximum allowed projected electors and close to the minimum allowed current electors. These competing requirements placed severe restrictions on the boundaries that could be drawn.



Fowler - Current Electors: 116132, Projected Electors: 133628

The Division of Fowler is within quota, however due to changes further north it is proposed to undergo change. It is proposed to lose its area south of Cabramatta Creek, including Liverpool and Chipping Norton to Werriwa. Whilst gaining the area of Fairfield council east of the M7 currently in McMahon. This makes it a division based on and entirely contained within the Fairfield Council Area. Uniting most of the council within one division including Fairfield and Cabramatta.

Werriwa - Current Electors: 116969, Projected Electors: 133057

The Division of Fowler is significantly over quota, and as such needs to undergo significant change. It is proposed to gain Liverpool and Chipping Norton from Fowler, whilst losing Austral and areas further to the west to Lindsay and Casula and Glenfield to Macarthur. This makes Werriwa a seat primarily based on the major centre of Liverpool and entirely contained within the Liverpool LGA.

Macarthur - Current Electors: 109745, Projected Electors: 133610

The Division of Macarthur is significantly over quota, and as such needs to undergo significant change. It is proposed to lose a significant portion of its electors, all of those who are west of the Main South Railway Line to the new seat of Camden, whilst gaining electors from Werriwa around Casula, Glenfield, and Edmonson Park. This makes Macarthur an exclusively Campbelltown based seat, losing the entirety of its portion in the Camden Council.

Camden - Current Electors: 108820, Projected Electors: 133795

The Divisions in the Southwest of Sydney are significantly over quota and as such a new division is required in this area. The area in the Camden council is one of the fastest growing areas and most recently established areas of Sydney. As such, it makes sense to establish a new division in this area. The new division contains electors from both Macarthur and Hume, taking in almost all of the Camden council area as well as areas around Raby and Claymore from Campbelltown. This makes it a seat based on Camden.

Lindsay - Current Electors: 114998, Projected Electors: 131565

The Division of Lindsay is significantly over quota. This coupled with the loss of St Marys to Chifley and the area around Londonderry to Macquarie necessitates it to change in a major way. Hence it is proposed to expand southwards to gain the area around the new Western Sydney Airport as well as parts of Leppington. With the opening of the Western Sydney Airport Metro, this area will become more connected to areas to the north including Penrith and the rest of Lindsay. This also removes some of the high growth areas from the divisions to the South, allowing them to fulfil the competing quotas of projected and current enrolment more easily.