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The Redistribution Committee for NSW
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Committee Members

I would like to make the following suggestions for the redistribution of electoral divisions and boundaries for NSW. I will limit my comments to the areas of the Northern Beaches and the area to the North of Sydney Central Business District.

If my suggestions, for the expansion of the boundaries to the South of the current boundaries on the Northern Beaches are adopted, then I suggest that the electoral division of North Sydney be abolished. On that basis, the current electoral boundary of Bradfield could be extended South and retain its current name. This would necessitate the redrawing of the electoral boundaries for the Berowra electoral division.

My suggestions for the redrawing of the boundaries for the Berowra electoral division are stated below.

The objective of my suggestions is to meet the independent Redistribution Committee's requirement to decrease the New South Wales seats in the House of Representatives from 47 to 46.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 Section 66 (3) (b) Redistribution Committee to make Proposed Distribution, specifies the requirements for consideration by the Committee.

The moving of boundaries on the Northern Beaches to the West fails to take into account the geographical nature of these electorates. It is a more reasonable approach to move the boundaries to the South to ensure that the number of electors enrolled in each division is not less than 96.5% or more than 103.5% of the average divisional enrolment of NSW as at 2023. The maximum permissible number of electors in an electoral division for NSW is 133,112 for 2023.

The Southern boundary of Mackellar would be extended into Warringah and Warringah would replace the current North Sydney electoral division which I propose be abolished.

The Southern boundary of Bradfield would be extended into the current North Sydney electoral division. This would meet the requirements of Section 66 (3) (b) (i) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 that the Committee shall give due consideration to "community of interests" including economic, social and regional interests. These areas are linked by

public transport and major arterial roads.

The new Bradfield electoral division could also be extended West into the Bennelong electoral division to ensure that this division meets the requirements of Section 66 (3) (a) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and has no more than 133,112 electors. If necessary, the Bennelong electoral division could also be extended North to the boundary of Pennant Hills Road and Osborne Road in Normanhurst.

These proposals would necessitate some extensive changes to the Berowra electoral division.

I propose the the Hawkesbury electoral division be extended East from Hastings Road and New Line Road along Quarry Road to the Western edge of the Berowra Valley National Park.

These areas are more closely aligned to the regional interests of the Hawkesbury electoral division meeting the requirements of Section 66 (3) (a) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

New Areas for the Berowra electoral division.

I propose that the areas of West Pennant Hills, Cherrybrook, Westleigh, Normanhurst, Hornsby, Waitara, Asquith, Wahroonga north of the Pacific Highway including North Turramurra and extending North to the Hawkesbury River form part of the Berowra electoral division. If any additional electors are required to meet the minimum number of electors for the Berowra electoral division this should be from the Mitchell electoral division.

My suggestion from the Mitchell electoral division, if required, would be the inclusion of the area North of the M2 Hills Motor Way and South of the Old Northern Road to Castle Hill Road.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters and supporting our democracy into the 21st Century.

Kind Regards

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Independent for the Berowra Electorate in the 2022 Federal Election