

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Regarding report of the Redistribution Committee concerning Reid electorate

Dear Sirs,

The people of this area live in harmony with each other despite the cultural misunderstandings and all the other socio-economic disruptions which tag along with a low income, vulnerable society because our local political figures play an important role in this respect. However, none can claim a better understanding of their specific problems, than Laurie Ferguson. The people of this area not only lose an electorate of historical significance they lose their most significant political figure. His popularity always sweeps a majority of votes in the Federal elections. If the electorate of Reid is redistributed to other electorates, notionally the problematic community will not exist because the votes will be disbursed to other electorates. In reality though, it will dangerously and inconspicuously exist. On the outskirts of three electorate boundaries, will be formed, a category of low income people of various first generation ethnic migrants and all the baggage of the combination.

Abolishing Reid electorate generates a serious social problem. It complicates an overall view for the specific needs of the accumulated existing multicultural combination of people, becoming marginal problems on the fringe of other electorates.

As a result of the redistribution the people are not only deprived of a historically significant electorate but an important political figure, Laurie Ferguson, who has an outstanding twenty five years history of political contribution to the people of the Reid electorate.

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