

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Objection Number 89

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Redistribution Committee for NSW
Haymarket NSW 2000

Dear Commissioners,

Objection to the proposal to move Bundeena/Maianbar from the electorate of Cook to the electorate of Cunningham.

As residents of 20 years standing, we strongly object to the proposed redistribution that would locate Bundeena/Maianbar in the electorate of Cunningham. Bundeena and Maianbar would be politically separated from the geographical area with which they have the most contact, ie Sutherland Shire. Many residents work and shop in the area, and most children go to school in Sutherland Shire. Contact with the area to the north of Bundeena, and particularly to Cronulla (our only regular public transport link) is much more substantial than to the more geographically distant area south of the RNP, and our political and community interests are therefore very much more in common. Our local council is Sutherland Shire Council, in a ward shared with Cronulla and Kurnell.

We are in agreement with the following objections forwarded by the Bundeena Progress Association:

1. There is no community of interest between Bundeena and Wollongong
2. The two electorates are separated by the Royal National Park
3. The escarpment commencing at Stanwell tops is an effective physical deterrent
4. Bundeena has strong links with Cronulla in particular and Sutherland Shire in general.
5. Residents shop, go to doctors and hospitals, attend sporting activities, have business commitments and visit their Member of Parliament in Sutherland Shire. The Member is familiar with the issues and needs of residents.
6. If this proposal were to proceed it would probably result in residents ignoring the member for Cunningham and seeking to continue their association with the member for Cook.

Yours Sincerely

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