

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **122**

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Kateb Hazara Association is an incorporated organization formed by most members of Hazara community to manage its problems and make this new and emerging community more productive and useful social element in New South Wales.

Hazara people are the recent Afghan refugees who settled in Australia after 2000. Around four to five thousands, live in Auburn, Berala Granville and Merrylands suburbs.

Following the news of the proposal for redistribution in New South Wales by the Australian Electoral Commission, Hazara Community as new and emerging citizens of the country felt strongly unhappy and disappointed for the reasons bellow:

- Almost all Hazaras live in the district of the federal seat of Reid; most of our people, not only living in this area but they initiated their lives from here and than they distributed to other parts of the country; this is why the area has a historic role for us.
- The office of electoral district in Granville delivered some important social services and vital help for the new arrivals of this many migrants livening area and played an important role on their settlement to the main stream community; our community received a great help and support from the office on our social life and settlement. Almost all member of the community are served directly or indirectly by the office and that is why all of us feel it as a spot of trust and helping source; while losing the office will be the losing of a very trusted source of the community.
- Separation of the community mainly living in Auburn, Lidcombe, Granville, Marreylands and Harris Park in different parts, affects the strength of the community.

- In addition, the Hazara community, beside other fellow citizens living in the area will be in regret that the name of a historical leader and important service man, George Reid is being removed from the electorate district while he was done like many other deceased Australians, an outstanding work to give and handover this beautiful country to current generation; this seat is a good memorial to George Reid for his contributions to the public and we think that his name should not dismissed easily.

Thank you!

Your sensibly



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