

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number 130

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Re Proposed redistribution of NSW 2009

The proposed redistribution should:

Keep the Electorate of Reid

Retain the name of Reid, named for George Reid a founding father of the Federation of Australia, former Premier of New South Wales, Prime Minister of Australia and first High Commissioner for Australia appointed to London.

Keep clear boundaries that people can understand.

I have just found out how badly this proposed redistribution will affect me and my wife.

We live in Bolton Street Guildford. As far as I can read the map provided, our home will now be in the Electorate of Blaxland. How am I supposed to get to Bankstown if I need to see a Federal Member of Parliament? We've had exceptional service from Laurie Ferguson as Member for Reid. His office is at Granville, central to this electorate. This area has nothing to do with Bankstown and never has. I don't drive and there is no cross country bus service that is anywhere near where I live.

My other complaint is the change of name. I object totally to the name of Reid being taken away and a new name McMahon being given to an Electoral Division. Why would you remove the name of a former Prime Minister to give a seat the name of another former Prime Minister. Regardless of what I might think of the significance of both I well understand that George Reid, as Prime Minister, was responsible for the enactment of Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904 and the establishment of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. This Act, the first of its kind in the world, provided protection for Australian workers. It made awards and provided arbitration for employees and employers. George Reid's name should not be replaced by that of William McMahon.

As indicated, although I have lived here for my adult lifetime, I find it impossible to understand your proposed boundary. It just seems to cut through Granville and Guildford in a winding manner. Normally a boundary would be clearly understood. In Guildford this means the Prospect/Potts Hill water pipeline or the railway line.

Yours sincerely

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