

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number 136

by

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Councillor Tony Issa OAM



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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal for New South Wales Federal Electoral Redistribution

I write to support the retention of the Reid electorate and to oppose the replacement of the existing electorate of Lowe with the proposed electorate of 'McMahon'.

During my time as the Lord Mayor of Parramatta and a Councillor representing the Woodville Ward, I have received significant positive feedback from the local community in regard to assistance provided by the Reid electoral office located in Granville.

The Reid electorate comprises suburbs such as Granville, Merrylands, Auburn and Lidcome with relatively high proportions of immigrants who rely on the assistance provided by the Reid electorate office.

In particular this diverse community has a disproportionately high demand for support, in relation to matters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Government, particularly in the areas of immigration, child support, family assistance, Centrelink and Medicare.

The abolition of the Reid electorate and the removal of the electoral office in Granville will hinder access to these highly utilised services and have a significant impact on the local community.

Please contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Tony Issa OAM
LORD MAYOR
PARRAMATTA

