

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



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The recent announcement by the AEC to divide our community has left me wondering how such proposals can get to this stage.

It is bewildering and confusing that Granville is suddenly to split in half and that to receive information and attention from our local Member of Parliament we will have to travel to Bankstown or Parramatta. My friends and neighbours, many elderly and infirm, would like to make you aware of the fact that this will cause additional hardship as Granville has always been the site of our local MP. Although our street address is Merrylands it is firmly in the middle of what we call Granville. It is also possibly on the boundary of your proposed new electorate boundaries.

The factors behind this decision seem to hold no regard for our needs. The fact is that the boundary line that makes no sense. It means at best, contact with our local Member of Parliament will be limited to watching television or hoping that the Bankstown or Parramatta local papers are suddenly delivered to our doorstep.

It beggars belief that the commission would consider Mr McMahon's contribution to Australian politics as being more significant than the work of George Reid.

I urge the commission to rethink its attitude. It's hard to see communities in areas other than ours are being treated without thought to the realities of day-to-day needs.

Yours sincerely,

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