## **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW

Objection Number 138

by

Petition signed by 25 People

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- 3. The proposal divides the suburb of Granville, effectively the centre of Reid into at least two divisions those of Blaxland and Parramatta. The Reid Electorate Office has been established in Granville for approximately 50 years.
- 4. The proposal eliminates natural boundaries such as the Sydney Potts Hill /Prospect water pipe line, the Western railway line, the Liverpool Granville or Liverpool Regents Park railway lines, Parramatta River and Duck River. It instead meanders through suburban streets along a boundary that is unrecognized by local residents. The already high informal vote will increase.
- 5. Related to the above is the lack of community of interest contained in the proposals, ie the residents of Lidcombe, Auburn, Granville, and Harris Park live in suburbs established in the early formation of New South Wales, share a common industrial base from that era and have long been the significant area of first settlements for migrants. These areas are contained within the natural boundaries formerly mentioned.

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