

OBJECTION

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Re: Abolition of Electorate of Reid

Dear Redistribution Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission responding to your proposed Abolition of the Electorate of Reid. The Zreika Family Society believes that the committee should have greater regard to the detrimental effects on electors and the communities in question caused by this abolition.

The Zreika Family Society is a non profit association located in Silverwater and serves few hundred of its members mostly located in the Reid electorate particularly in the suburbs of Granville and Auburn. The Association plays an important role with other ethnic community organisations in the electorate of Reid.

The Association is greatly concerned at the proposal which gives away Reid to the 3 adjacent seats of Parramatta, Blaxland and Lowe (McMahon).

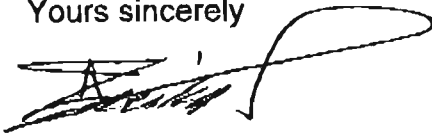
These concerns are:

- 1- There is a strong community of interests that exist between the suburbs within Reid between Auburn and Granville for example. The proposal will divide that continuity by passing Auburn to McMahon and Granville to Parramatta.
- 2- There are no social interests between suburbs of the newly proposed seat of McMahon and certain suburbs of Reid. For example, Auburn of Reid which is proposed to be part of McMahon with the affluent Canada Bay and other Inner West suburbs. Electors in Auburn have no interest in Canada Bay media and issues and therefore no knowledge of the community role by their representatives.
- 3- There are no economic interests in the LGAs. This includes high levels of unemployment and numerous waves of new migration in Auburn, Granville for example as opposed to Canada Bay and the other Inner West regions .

- 4- There is a strong history associated with Reid and its name origin. It was named after a former Prime Minister and Premier. The Reid Electorate Office has been in Granville for over 50 years. The name and office removal is unwarranted.

The Zreika Family Society is opposed to the proposed abolition of Reid for the above reasons.

Yours sincerely



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