

# OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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Objection Number **173**

by

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**To:** NSW Redistribution  
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**Subject:** ELECTORAL REDISTRUBUTION - SEAT OF REID

Dear Sir

Council notes with regret, the proposal of the Australian Electoral Commission to redistribute the seat of Reid.

Council wishes to draw the Commissions attention to a number of local factors which should be taken into consideration.

1. Seat of Reid covers areas including Granville, Auburn, Lidcombe which have a high number of recent and long established immigrant families.
2. The relationship of the Local Member with these new and emerging communities is a significant relationship, developed over an extended period of time and the redistribution will truncate that relationship and will significantly impact on the Federal Government's ability to adequately service those communities.
3. The seat and name of Reid has a historic relationship to one of Australia's first Prime Ministers and should not be lost through the redistribution.
4. The seat of Reid encompasses large areas of well established brown fields housing and industrial areas which contributes significantly to the Western Sydney economy and the redistribution would have the potential of blurring inner city relationships with those of the predominant Sydney culture.

In closing, Council urges the Commission to not lose the significant historical links and retain the close relationships Council has with present and past members who have represented the Seat of Reid.

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