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# Comment on suggestion 99

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## Comment on Suggestions for the 2023-24 New South Wales Redistribution

I have reviewed the suggestions submitted and offer the following comments on these suggestions with respect to boundary changes for the Warringah electorate.

I note that a number of suggestions have proposed extending Warringah westwards into the existing division of North Sydney. As a voter currently resident of Warringah electorate, and prior to 2017 resident in the North Sydney electorate, I have some familiarity with both electorates.

To me the suggestions to expand Warringah westwards into North Sydney taking in one or more of the suburbs North Sydney, Crows Nest, Cremorne, Cammeray, Neutral Bay, Kirribilli, Wollstonecraft and Waverton make very good sense. I have not had the time to examine in detail exactly where the new western boundary should be drawn with regard to achieving the correct number of voters, but make the following general observations as to why I believe it makes good sense.

1. The redistribution process will clearly result in a number of cascading boundary changes through many electorates. To minimise the complexity of this process it makes sense to start the process with electorates such as Warringah and Mackellar, which both have clear major geographical boundaries on two sides defined by the ocean and a major waterway with restricted crossing options.
2. The existing Warringah electorate comprises a strong community of interest, with a major road route supporting a major public transport corridor from Sydney City through to the northern beaches. This leads to significant both way flow along this route for sporting and social activities, shopping etc.
3. There are major high density residential developments planned along the corridor of the new Sydney Metro line currently under construction through the suburbs of Chatswood, St. Leonards, Crows Nest and North Sydney. These will obviously result in a significant population increase in these areas, and may decrease the extent of compensating boundary changes required to the North Sydney electorate.
4. The existing boundaries along Military Rd and down Bent St and through Forsyth Park not only divide the suburbs of Neutral Bay and Cremorne into two parts, but also result in significant voter confusion about which electorate they reside in.
5. There are a number of clear geographic and community of interest boundaries that should allow the new boundary to be chosen appropriately to achieve the required increase in enrolment in Warringah:
  - The Warringah Freeway
  - The railway line
  - The North Sydney LGA boundary
  - Flat Rock Creek and Tunks Park, which divide Northbridge from Cremorne and Cammeray.
6. Should compensating boundary changes be required to the North Sydney electorate, these could readily be made by expansion north into Bradfield or west into Bennelong. Expansion into Bradfield would have the benefit of removing the boundary from the main street through Chatswood shopping Centre.

