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NSW Redistribution Suggestions For Greater Sydney & The Illawarra/Sth Coast

My name is Damien Ferri and I have suggested some boundary changes throughout the whole of Greater Sydney, as well as the Illawarra and South Coast regions. The AEC took onboard some of my suggestions in the last redistribution changes back in 2015/16. I have put a description underneath each of the seats as well as the necessary statistics below that. The statistics I have provided for each seat are: the aec current and projection ratios, the areas gained and lost, my total current ratio and projection ratio, as well as the difference in the population numbers, whether it be an increase or decrease between the AEC supplied figures prior to redistribution and after my suggestions after redistribution. Right at the end of the document I have a graph that lists all of the statistics in a simplified way. I have looked at geographical, historical, population ratios, and demographic reasons when it came to suggesting boundary changes. I have ensured to try and make towns or suburbs be placed together in one electorate rather than be split into 2, as many currently are. I have taken into account suburbs that fit into certain seats due to historical links, map aesthetics, local council boundaries, or simply due to keeping with maintaining ratios. My suggestions have ensured that each seat is well within current ratio, with most seats having in the low 120,000's of electors, with only a handful under that. I have also tried my best to make sure I didn't only look at current ratios but aimed to maintain a workable projection ratio, one that wouldn't for instance see seats having a 2028 projection of 170,000 electors. Most seats have very modest projections, with only a few at a higher amount, but still lower than it was before. I have suggested abolishing the low growth seats of Berowra and Warringah, and instead creating a new western sydney seat called Druitt. There are many reasons for this particular name to be chosen, firstly because George Druitt was the first to be granted land in the area and was behind the creation of many roads and bridges in Sydney, and secondly because Mount Druitt, whom was named after him, would be the major centre of the electorate. He was also a key figure of the Blacktown area, and one that was well respected. Due to a series of family tragedies I was unable to have the time to draw up maps, though the information is detailed enough to explain exactly how it would look like. I am politically neutral and hold no bias. I hope that the AEC can find my suggestions to be interesting and one that may be worth pursuing.

Illawarra/South Coast & Tablelands Areas

Cunningham: -0.22%

The electorate of Cunningham encompasses areas like Wollongong, Unanderra, Figtree, Thirroul, and Warrawong. It is one that I know quite well being a local and all. Due to it not being a high growth area, as there is no available land left within the electorate for future development, I have given this seat a higher number of electors than many of the other seats. The seat needs to extend its borders to the south, as the neighbouring seat of Whitlam is one that is growing and has many new housing developments popping up. In the previous redistribution I had suggested that Cunningham take in other working class areas such as Warrawong, Port Kembla, Lake Heights, Cringila, and Berkeley. Thankfully some of these areas had been included in the changes of 2016. Lake Heights had been split in half, so it only makes sense to have the whole suburb in the one electorate. The suburbs of Cringila and Berkeley

are very working class based and multicultural, which makes them have a very close connection to the neighbouring suburbs of Warrawong and Port Kembla that are already within the Cunningham electorate. Geographically it also makes sense as the suburbs of Cringila, Lake Heights, and Berkeley are all located north of 'Lake Illawarra'. This would make all suburbs north of the lake fall in the same electorate, and any suburb that lies to the south, east, or west reside in the Whitlam electorate.

Current - 118,123

Projection - 117,869

Gain - Cringila/Lake Heights/Berkeley (8906-12013) (From Whitlam)

Lose - N/A

Gain/Loss: +8,906 Current Gain : +12,013 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 127,029

My Total 2028 Projection - 129,882

Whitlam: +3.61%

The Whitlam electorate is guite diverse but has been split up into particular sections that each represent a certain demographic. Within the Illawarra region the seat encompasses working and middle class areas, many new housing developments, as well as some rural areas. Within the Southern Highlands it encompasses a large rural area as well as large towns such as Moss Vale, Mittagong and Bowral. Generally the seat of Whitlam contains most suburbs and localities that are located to the east of the hume hwy, with the seat of Hume capturing the rural localities to the west. There are a few villages though that have not been included in the seat of Whitlam, and geographically would be best placed with the other nearby villages and towns of the highlands. The areas of Bundanoon, Exeter, Werai, Wingello, and Penrose, are located to the east of the hume hwy, so it is best that they join the other towns and villages of the Wingecarribee Shire Council and thus join the Whitlam electorate. The seat of Hume only grabs large areas of farm land in localities such as Canyonleigh and Joadga etc, and doesn't actually capture any towns. I also suggested that Dunmore be included within the Whitlam electorate mainly because it is located to the north of the river as opposed to Minnamurra that is located to the south of the river within the Gilmore electorate. I have ensured that my projection was less than the original estimate due to circumstancially looking at the future growth via the many housing developments that are popping up. This is why I have suggested that Cunningham, a non growing area, pick up a few suburbs in the north of the Whitlam electorate. This will ensure that it doesn't outpace any other electorates and stays within a fair figure, not only for now but also for the year 2028.

Current - 128,272

Projection - 132,897

Gain - Bundanoon & Exeter (2847-3007), Werai (179-140), Wingello/Penrose/Paddy's River (830-890) (From Hume)

Dunmore (231-216) (From Gilmore)

Lose - Cringila/Lake Heights/Berkeley (8906-12013) (To Cunningham)

Gain/Loss: -4,819 Current Loss : -7,760 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 123,453

My Total 2028 Projection - 125,137

Gilmore: +4.57%

The electorate of Gilmore is focused along the south coast and encompasses everything from Kiama to Moruya and Tuross Head. It is an electorate that is growing, so I thought it would be a good idea to give the areas of the Eurobodalla Hinterland to Eden Monaro, as that seat hasn't got as high of a projection rate. Another thing to note is that the seat of Eden Monaro already has some areas of the Eurobodalla Hinterland within it, so it is best that they all fall together within the one electorate. The small area of Dunmore is located on the northern side of the local river and is close to Shell Cove, so I thought it would be best that this small area join the Whitlam electorate purely for geographical purposes.

Current - 128,981

Projection - 134,884

Gain - N/A

Lose - Eurobodalla Hinterland (1953-2135) (**To Eden Monaro**) Dunmore (231-216) (**To Whitlam**)

Gain/Loss: -2,184 Current Loss : -2,351 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 126,797

My Total 2028 Projection - 132,533

Eden Monaro: +6%

The electorate of Eden Monaro is a large rural one that encompasses the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley on the coast, and stretches out west to capture the whole of the Snowy Mountains region, as well as north to Queanbeyan and Palerang. Geographically the borders are mostly fine, but I believe it is best that it takes on the rest of the Eurobodalla Hinterland from the neighbouring seat of Gilmore in the north. This is so that whole area falls within one electorate, and also so it prevents the seat of Gilmore from outpacing the other electorates.

Current - 116,000

Projection - 124,000

Gain - Eurobodalla Hinterland (1953-2135) (From Gilmore)

Lose - N/A

Gain/Loss: +1,953 Current Gain : +2,135 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 117,953

My Total 2028 Projection - 126,135

Hume: +10%

The seat of Hume is a large one that stetches from Boorowa and Goulburn in the south to areas close to Penrith in the north. One thing that I have heard from many people is that they were very upset that this seat took on towns such as Camden, Narellan, Mt Annan, Harrington Park, Elderslie etc given that they have historically always been seen as being located in the MacArthur region of Sydney. John MacArthur, whom the region was named after was based around Camden, and the historic home and farm to this day remains a tourist destination. It makes little sense that these areas in the MacArthur region be placed within the seat of Hume. I am aware that Hume needs to stretch out far so that it takes on the necessary amount of electors that it needs to fill the current quota. I therefore have suggested another idea that would ensure that the correct numbers of this seat as well as MacArthur are met, but at the same time it not compromising its geographical and political history. I have removed these prominent areas from Hume and have given it back to MacArthur as it previously was prior to the last changes. Seeing as Hume encompassed the huge growth areas of Appin and Wilton in the Wollondilly Shire Council area, I suggest that the seat extends north of that and captures the towns that are located to the south of Campbelltown. Areas such as Rosemeadow, St Helens Park, Bradbury etc. These areas aren't as historically prominent as the major towns of Camden and Campbelltown that have always been seen as the central places of the MacArthur region. I also to the west of the electorate still see it holding areas such as The Oaks and Theresa Park, and see Oran Park as a new gain for Hume. This is a high growth area that will continue to keep this seat within ratio for years to come. It is also important to note that Oran Park is located to the west of the Camden Valley Way, whereas the MacArthur seat suburbs will remain to the east of that major road. Losses that this seat would have to make are those areas in the Southern Highlands to Whitlam as previously mentioned, as well as Mulgoa/Luddenham, Warragamba/Silverdale which are too far north and have more in common with areas closer to penrith than it would with the seat of Hume. Due to ratio numbers I had the seat of McMahon extending west to capture these areas, and Austral/Greendale went to Werriwa.

Current - 125,549

Projection - 138,104

Gain - Rosemeadow/Glen Alpine/Ambarvale (14733-16925), Bradbury/Wedderburn (13592-14913), Oran Park (11429-16531) (From MacArthur)

Lose - Bundanoon & Exeter (2847-3007), Werai (179-140), Wingello, Penrose, Paddy's River (830-890) (To Whitlam) Camden (9861-10496), Narellan/Elderslie (9753-10649), Mt Annan (13471-15895), Spring Farm (6399-9088) (To MacArthur) Mulgoa/Luddenham (1740-1763), Warragamba/Silverdale (4756-4874) (To McMahon) Austral/Greendale (797-941) (To Werriwa)

Gain/Loss: -10,879 Current Loss : -9,374 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 114,670

My Total 2028 Projection - 128,730

Far West Sydney/Blue Mountains Areas

MacArthur: +22.40%

The electorate of MacArthur in recent years has lost the traditional and historic areas that make this region famous. As previously explained, it only makes sense that these areas be given back to this seat, without it compromising on any of the necessary ratios for any of the seats. With MacArthur re-gaining its historic areas of Camden, Narellan/Elderslie, Mt Annan, Spring Farm etc from Hume, it gives a more accurate geographical and historical explanation as to why these areas are in this particular seat. These areas are much more important to this seat than the towns that it can afford to lose to Hume. The seat of MacArthur historically had such boundaries, and many locals have deemed it essential, so that it does not compromise the local history and geographical region. With the original MacArthur home being located in the Camden area, it seems odd that it would fall under the electorate of Hume. It also gains some of Leppington/Catherine Fields from Werriwa, but also loses another portion of it, as well as Denham Court/Bardia. This is mainly due to trying to get both seats to roughly have a similar ratio, although if need be, the Leppington/Catherine Fields areas can be joined under the one seat. The current and projection ratio was awfully high, so my changes have significantly reduced these figures so that they are not too different to the other electorates.

Current - 140,280

Projection - 171,700

Gain - Camden (9861-10496), Narellan/Elderslie (9753-10649), Mt Annan (13471-15895), Spring Farm (6399-9088) (From Hume) Leppington/Catherine Field (1455-2540) (From Werriwa)

Lose - Rosemeadow/Glen Alpine/Ambarvale (14733-16925), Bradbury/Wedderburn (13592-14913), Oran Park (11429-16531) (**To Hume**) Leppington/Catherine Field (8723-12469), Denham Court/Bardia (5245-9295) (**To Werriwa**) Gain/Loss: -12,783 Current Loss : -21,465 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 127,497

My Total 2028 Projection - 150,235

Werriwa: +20.08%

The electorate of Werriwa currently captures rural areas to its western borders, as well as Hoxton Park and the towns that lie to the west of Liverpool. This seat is a high growing one, so in order to reduce this pace, I suggest that it loses Ashcroft/Busby/Miller and Bonnyrigg to Fowler, as well as losing part of its rural area to MacArthur. The seat though makes some gains to its west, encompassing some more of the rural areas, that have a close proximity connection to Hoxton Park, which is the very major centre of this electorate. Given that previous Prime Minister Gough Whitlam was from this area, it seemed to confuse many as to why this electorate wasn't named after him, but rather one in the Illawarra region, which he didn't have any connection to. If there were any way of changing the name to best suit the seat, and give the current seat of Whitlam its original name Throsby, this would be deemed to be more genuine and legitimite.

Current - 132,460

Projection - 159,054

Gain - Austral/Greendale (797-941) (**From Hume**) Leppington/Catherine Field (8723-12469), Denham Court/Bardia (5245-9295) (**From MacArthur**)

Lose - Leppington/Catherine Field (1455-2540) (**To MacArthur**) Ashcroft/Busby/Miller (11171-12173), Bonnyrigg Heights/Bonnyrigg (8924-9832) (**To Fowler**)

Gain/Loss: -6,785 Current Loss : -1,840 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 125,675

My Total 2028 Projection - 157,214

Macquarie: +8.46%

The electorate of MacQuarie encompasses the whole of the Blue Mountains, as well as areas of the Hawkesbury. Due to its current low ratio, I thought it was best that it could extend its borders to capture the areas of Pitt Town/McGraths Hill and Nelson/Box Hill. These areas are not only geographically located next to the Hawkesbury, but it would also help tackle the problem of the north western sydney electorates such as Chifley, Greenway and Mitchell, due to the large amounts of growth that they are experiencing. It is a move that will level things up a little and also ensure that this electorate gets the future growth necessary to compare to the other nearby electorates.

Current - 108,671

Projection - 117,867

Gain - Pitt Town/McGraths Hill (331-394) (From Berowra) Nelson/Box Hill (9067-13703) (From Mitchell)

Lose - N/A

Gain/Loss: +9,398 Current Gain : +14,097 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 118,069

My Total 2028 Projection - 131,964

Lindsay: +12.97%

The electorate of Lindsay encompasses Penrith and the surrounding suburbs, as well as St Mary's and some rural parts in the north. The projection for this seat was quite high, so I suggest that the rural areas of the south, Mulgoa/Luddenham/Orchard Hills go to the seat of McMahon. Not only do these areas geographically fit nicely with McMahon but it also decreases the growth projection of this seat.

Current - 127,763

Projection - 144,334

Gain - N/A

Lose - Mulgoa/Luddenham/Orchard Hills (6726-7872) (To McMahon)

Gain/Loss: -6,726 Current Loss : -7,872 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 121,037

My Total 2028 Projection - 136,462

McMahon: +13.05%

The electorate of McMahon currently encompasses rural areas to its west, and includes major centres such as Wetherill Park, Smithfield, and Fairfield. The seat already captures some rural areas so it would be a good idea if it stretches further west to grab the rest of Orchard Hills as well as Mulgoa/Luddenham, Warragamba/Silverdale from Hume, so that Hume doesn't stretch as far as it currently does, seeing these areas have no historical connection to that seat. I also suggest that the seat gains Sth

Wentworthville, Merrylands/Holroyd, and Granville/Clyde from Parramatta, as Parramatta shifts further north in my redistribution suggestions. The seat would also lose Fairfield and Fairfield West to Fowler as Fowler shifts its boundaries slightly to the north. This would create a much finer straighter line when looking at it on a map.

Current - 111,293

Projection - 125,817

Gain - Mulgoa & Luddenham (1740-1763), Warragamba & Silverdale (4756-4874) (**From Hume**) South Wentworthville (1740-1936), Merrylands/Holroyd (8225-9242), Granville/Clyde (12067-13277) (**From Parramatta**)

Lose - Fairfield West (11675-13732), Fairfield (10424-11940) (To Fowler)

Gain/Loss: +6,429 Current Gain : +5,420 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 117,722

My Total 2028 Projection - 131,237

New Seat - Druitt

There was no doubt that due to western sydney's growing population, that an extra seat needed to be created. Seeing that the seats of Chifley, Greenway, Mitchell, and Lindsay, had some of the biggest recorded projections of future growth, this particular area seemed like the right fit. My suggestions of towns to group together all have a common similarity when it comes to geographical location as well as demographics. All these areas are largely working class, and have a large amount of public housing, which therefore makes many of the voters of this new electorate require the same needs and representation. They are also part of the city of Blacktown. The new seat name that I suggest would be called 'Druitt'. This is due to 2 defining factors. The first is due to it representing a key historical figure, whom was the first person to be granted land in the area, a person that had a great relationship with local tribes and is widely respected. George Druitt was a soldier and Australian pioneer. Druitt oversaw the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges around Sydney. It is due to the impact that Druitt had, that the town Mount Druitt was named after him. This is the second reason as to why it would make a great name for a new electorate, because the suburb of Mount Druitt would end up being one of the major centres of the electorate. So not only is there a historical context but also a geographical link too. The new seat encompasses all of Mount Druitt as well as its surrounding areas of Bidwill/Herbersham/Emerton, Lethbridge Park/Tregear, Whalan, Rooty Hill/Minchinbury, Seven Hills/Prospect, as well as the whole of Blacktown. All of these towns fit well together and have very similar constituents. After investigating the whole map of Sydney, this seems to be the best place to put a new electorate, and as a result having one electorate in the north 'Berowra', as well as one in the north east 'Warringah' abolished. Those seats are not experiencing growth, so are best to be abolished and replaced with a new western sydney seat.

Gain - Quakers Hill (2182-2797), Blacktown West/Blacktown South (10124-11441), Rooty Hill/Minchinbury (10434-12182), Prospect Reservoir (2-0), Mount Druitt/Whalan (13568-15804),

Lethbridge Park/Tregear (13147-14638), Hassal Grove/Plumpton (13958-15608), Glendenning/Dean Park (5341-5393), Bidwill/Herbersham/Emerton (11498-13252) (**From Chifley**) Pendle Hill/Girraween (5146-5865), Blacktown South (8007-8964), Seven Hills/Prospect (9759-11202), Toongabbie West (6756-7610), Blacktown East/Kings Park (9317-10345) (**From Greenway**)

My Total Current Projection - 119,239

My Total 2028 Projection - 135,101

Chifley: +17.08%

The electorate of Chifley encompasses Riverstone, Plumpton, Mount Druitt, Glendenning, Rooty Hill, and some of Blacktown. It has one of the biggest growth rates, and thus it needed many areas to be taken away from it and be given to the new seat of Druitt. The seat loses Marsden Park/Shanes Park to Lindsay, and a lot of its other losses will go to the new seat. This in effect means that the seat will shift easterly. It will end up gaining Schofields, Riverstone, Kellyville Ridge, Glenwood, Quakers Hill, Acacia Gardens from Greenway, and Beaumont Hills/Rouse Hill, and Kellyville West to Mitchell. Each of these north western sydney electorates shift to the east, so that it eventually takes in the areas of the old seat of Berowra.

Current - 126,954

Projection - 148,639

Gain - Schofields East (15466-21520), Riverstone (8657-10031), Kellyville Ridge/The Ponds (12824-13331), Acacia Gardens (2395-2731), Glenwood (10553-11577), Quakers Hill/Pendle Hill (13036-14801) (**From Greenway**) Beaumont Hills/Rouse Hill (11697-17190), Kellyville West (7478-9647) (**From Mitchell**)

Lose - Marsden Park/Shanes Park (11564-15997) (**To Lindsay**) Quakers Hill (2182-2797), Blacktown West/Blacktown South (10124-11441), Rooty Hill/Minchinbury (10434-12182), Prospect Reservoir (2-0), Mount Druitt/Whalan (13568-15804), Lethbridge Park/Tregear (13147-14638), Hassal Grove/Plumpton (13958-15608), Glendenning/Dean Park (5341-5393), Bidwill/Herbersham/Emerton (11498-13252) (**To New Seat Druitt**)

Gain/Loss: -9,712 Current Loss : -6,284 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 117,242

My Total 2028 Projection - 142,355

Greenway: +14.52%

The electorate of Greenway currently encompasses Parklea, Blacktown, Seven Hills, and Kings Langley. This is another high growth area, so one that needed to have some areas taken from it, and moved to the seats of Chifley and Druitt. To replace its losses, it will end up gaining North Kellyville, Kellyville West, Bellavista/Baulkham Hills, Baulkham Hills East, Winston Hills, and Lalor Park from Mitchell. By shifting its borders further to the east, it will also gain the areas of Dural, Glenhaven, Berowra, Galston etc from the old seat of Berowra. The demographics are actually now more like minded as the seat becomes a more wealthier one, as it loses its working class areas to the new seat of Druitt in the south.

Current - 125,582

Projection - 144,158

Gain - Dural/Kenthurst/Wisemans Ferry (16069-19201), Glenhaven (4799-5248), Berowra/Brooklyn/Cowan (8604-8480), Galston/Laughtondale (4047-4370) (**From Berowra**) North Kellyville (10590-15044), Kellyville West (7478-9647), Bellavista/Baulkham Hills (15008-14934), Baulkham Hills East (15619-16015), Toongabie/Constitutional Hill (2170-2297), Winston Hills (7795-8754), Lalor Park/Kings Langley (506-593) (**From Mitchell**)

Lose - Schofields East (15466-21520), Riverstone (8657-10031), Kellyville Ridge/The Ponds (12824-13331), Acacia Gardens (2395-2731), Glenwood (10553-11577), Quakers Hill/Pendle Hill (13036-14801) (**To Chifley**) Pendle Hill/Girraween (5146-5865), Blacktown South (8007-8964), Blacktown East/Kings Park (9317-10345) Seven Hills/Prospect (9759-11202), Toongabbie West (6756-7610), (**To New Seat Druitt**)

Gain/Loss: -9,231 Current Loss : -13,394 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 116,351

My Total 2028 Projection - 130,764

North Sydney Area

Mitchell: +17.16%

The electorate of Mitchell captures the major centre of Castle Hill, as well as Baulkham Hills, Rouse Hill, and Kellyville. This seat is a high growth area that needed to be reduced in order to not only make the current quota, but provide us with less challenges in any future projections. The seat remains one with a wealthy demographic and is still centred around Castle Hill, but also takes the rest of Castle Hill that Berowra once had, joining this large area under the one electorate. It also gains other areas in the north such as the whole of Hornsby, which is currently split between 2 electorates. It also gains surounding areas of Wahroonga, Turramurra, Pymble, and Asquith from Bradfield, as well as Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Westleigh, Asquith, and Cherrybrook from Berowra. Finally the towns of Castle Hill, Hornsby, Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Westleigh, and Asquith/Mt Colah will be represented under one electorate rather than divided by 2, as it currently is. Geographically these changes make sense, and demographically the electors of these areas have commonalities. Due to these gains, the losses as presented below will end up going to MacQuarie, Chifley, Greenway, and Parramatta. None of these changes are at all compromised, and look quite in place.

Current - 126,812

Projection - 148,572

Gain - Asquith/Mt Colah (1762-1771), Hornsby East (6748-6205), Wahroonga West (6526-7006), Wahroonga East (12418-12730), Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Westleigh (1898-1919), Turramurra (14044-14603), Pymble (11636-11496) (**From Bradfield**) Asquith/Mt Colah (13138-13205), Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Westleigh (11381-11597), Hornsby West (6934-7203), Cherrybrook (12775-11967), Castle Hill East/Castle Hill North (3765-3893) (**From Berowra**)

Lose - Nelson/Box Hill (9067-13703) (**To MacQuarie**) Beaumont Hills/Rouse Hill (11697-17190), Kellyville West (7478-9647) (**To Chifley**) North Kellyville (10590-15044), Bellavista/Baulkham Hills (15008-14934), Baulkham Hills East (15619-16015) Toongabie/Constitutional Hill (2170-2297), Winston Hills (7795-8754), Lalor Park/Kings Langley (506-593) (**To Greenway**) West Penant Hills (1818-1799), North Rocks (3169-3163), Northmead (5142-5393), Carlingford West (1982-1779) (**To Paramatta**)

Gain/Loss: -8,797 Current Loss : -19,336 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 118,015

My Total 2028 Projection - 129,236

Berowra - Abolished

Bradfield: +0.36%

The electorate of Bradfield encompasses the suburbs of St Ives, Gordon, Chatswood, Pymble, and Turramurra. This seat had a much slower growth rate than the seats to the west of it, so naturally I gave it a larger area to present, so that it presents less problems in future projection quotas. The borders shift further to the east and the south, so that it captures areas from the old seat of Warringah, suburbs from Mackellar, and also that of North Sydney. It gains the areas of Frenches Forest, Forestville, Belrose, and Terry Hills from MacKellar's western boundary. It also gains similar areas from Warringah, once again ensuring that towns aren't split between 2 seats. To its south it captures the suburbs of Castlecove/Northbridge, Willoughby, Artarmon, Chatswood East, and Chatswood West/Lane Cove Nth from North Sydney. It loses the suburbs on its western border to the seat of Mitchell. These are listed below. The geographical shifts here make a lot of sense and the demographics of all areas within this seat share commonalities.

Current - 109,126

Projection - 109,523

Gain - Frenches Forest/Oxford Falls (10427-10354), Forestville/Killarney Heights (3813-3942), Belrose

(6230-6523), Terry Hills/Duffys Forest (2796-2775) (From MacKellar)

Frenches Forest/Oxford Falls (1616-1669), Kilarney Heights/Forestville (3323-5355) (**From Warringah**) Castlecove/Northbridge (7661-7844), Willoughby (8604-8685), Artarmon (5557-5298), Chatswood East (4685-4506), Chatswood West/Lane Cove Nth (11806-11570) (**From North Sydney**)

Lose - Asquith/Mt Colah (1762-1771), Hornsby East (6748-6205), Wahroonga West (6526-7006), Wahroonga East (12418-12730), Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Westleigh (1898-1919), Turramurra (14044-14603), Pymble (11636-11496) (**To Mitchell**)

Gain/Loss: +11,486 Current Gain : +12,791 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 120,612

My Total 2028 Projection - 122,314

MacKellar: +5.61%

The electorate of MacKellar encompasses suburbs such as Mona Vale, Warriewood, Dee Why, and Narrabeen. With its shift to the south, it will pick up a fair chunk of the towns in the north of the old seat of Warringah. These areas are Brookevale, Manly Vale/Allambie Heights, Dee Why Sth/Nth Curl, Dee Why Nth, and Beaconhill/Narraweena. The seat will lose the towns along its western boundary such as Frenches Forest, Forestville, Belrose, Terry Hills etc to Bradfield. The seat previously was a low growth area but under the new redistributions, it puts it on par with much of the other seats.

Current - 111,700

Projection - 117,968

Gain - Brookvale/Freshwater (14922-14831), Manly Vale/Allambie Heights (11837-12105), Dee Why Sth/North Curl (6071-6552), Dee Why Nth (1459-1702), Beaconhill/Narraweena (2894-3294) (**From Warringah**)

Lose - Frenches Forest/Oxford Falls (10427-10354), Forestville/Killarney Heights (3813-3942), Belrose (6230-6523), Terry Hills/Duffy's Forest (2796-2775) (**To Bradfield**)

Gain/Loss: +13,917 Current Gain : +14,890 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 125,617

My Total 2028 Projection - 132,858

Warringah - Abolished

North Sydney: -0.06%

The electorate of North Sydney encompasses areas such as North Sydney, Willoughby, Lane Cove, and Crows Nest. Given the abolition of Warringah, this seat would stretch its borders to the east and gain the areas of Mosman, Neutral Bay, Balgowlah, Manly, and Cremorne. It loses some of its current area in its north west, with towns such as Chatswood, Artarmon, Willoughby, and Castlecove going to Bradfield. It would also lose Hunters Hill/Woolwich, and Gladesville/Huntley Point to Bennelong in its west, something that makes sense when visualising it on a map. The seat was a stagnant area but due to redistributions, current projections now put it on par with many of the other electorates.

Current - 112,630

Projection - 112,566

Gain - Cremorne/Cammeray (4457-4349), Neutral Bay (6021-5654), Mosman (20900-20269), Balgowlah/Seaforth (14564-14549), Manly/Fairlight (15695-15629) (**From Warringah**)

Lose - Castlecove/Northbridge (7661-7844), Willoughby (8604-8685), Artarmon (5557-5298), Chatswood East (4685-4506), Chatswood West/Lane Cove Nth (11806-11570) (**To Bradfield**) Hunters Hill/Woolwich (7266-7368), Gladesville/Huntley Point (2806-2893) (**To Bennelong**)

Gain/Loss: +13,252 Current Gain : +12,286 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 125,882

My Total 2028 Projection - 124,852

Bennelong: +4.57%

The electorate of Bennelong currently captures the major centres of Ryde, Rhodes, and Epping. I suggest that it gains the areas of Hunters Hill/Woolwich, and Gladesville/Huntley Point for 2 reasons. Firstly due to the seat needing a bigger population in order to be on par with the other electorates that surround it, and secondly because these areas are to the west of the 'Paramatta River' and 'Lane Cove River', and whilst visualising it on the map, it makes no sense that they remain part of the seat of North Sydney.

Current - 116,790

Projection - 122,124

Gain - Hunters Hill/Woolwich (7266-7368), Gladesville/Huntley Point (2806-2893) (From Nth Sydney)

Loss - N/A

Gain/Loss: +10,072 Current Gain : +10,261 Projection Gain My Total Current Projection - 126,862

My Total 2028 Projection - 132,385

West Sydney Area

Parramatta: +9.65%

The electorate of Parramatta is largely focused around the city of Parramatta, and also encompasses places such as Wentworthville, Granville, and Harris Park in its south, as well as Rydalmere, Carlingford, and North Parramatta in its north. To make up for losses that the seat of Mitchell needed to have, I suggest that the seat of Parramatta shifts north and captures the areas of West Penant Hills, Northmead, Carlingford West, and North Rocks. It would also gain West Penant Hills and Penant Hills/Cheltenham from Berowra. There are commonalities between all these areas and its best that they are placed in the same seat. Carlingford and North Rocks have always had a significant connection, and these new changes would also place all of the West Penant Hills and Penant Hills areas under one electorate, rather than splitting it between 2 seats. To make up for these gains it would lose South Wentworthville, Merrylands/Holroyd, and Granville/Clyde to the seat of McMahon. If you visualise this on the map, you will see that it would create a nice neat straight line and look more aesthetic than it currently does now.

Current - 109,049

Projection - 119,570

Gain - West Penant Hills (1818-1799), North Rocks (3169-3163), Northmead (5142-5393), Carlingford West (1982-1779) (**From Mitchell**) West Penant Hills (7297-7201), Penant Hills/Cheltenham (15017-14616) (**From Berowra**)

Lose - South Wentworthville (1740-1936), Merrylands/Holroyd (8225-9242), Granville/Clyde (12067-13277) (**To McMahon**)

Gain/Loss: +12,393 Current Gain : +2,295 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 121,442

My Total 2028 Projection - 121,865

Fowler: 13.53%

The electorate of Fowler is currently centred around the major centre of Cabramatta. It also encompasses parts of Liverpool, Chipping Norton, and Mount Pritchard in its south, as well as Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Bossley Park, and Fairfield East in its north. I currently recommend that this seat shift to the west and gain Bonnyrigg, and Ashcroft/Busby/Miller from Werriwa, and north to capture the rest of Fairfield off of McMahon. This would join most of Fairfield together under one electorate. The losses will be in its south to Hughes, where it would lose the city of Liverpool, and Chipping Norton/Moorebank. This seat is mostly centred around the Fairfield council boundaries so should therefore be a seat based on the surrounding areas of Fairfield, Cabramatta, and Bossley Park, rather than a Liverpool focused seat. The seat of Hughes already captures most of Moorebank, and Liverpool has more in common with Moorebank than it has with Fairfield. These borders would ensure that this electorate as well as the others that surround it, all fall within the needed ratio.

Current - 112,414

Projection - 127,624

Gain - Ashcroft/Busby/Miller (11171-12173), Bonnyrigg Heights/Bonnyrigg (8924-9832) (**From Werriwa**) Fairfield West (11675-13732), Fairfield (10424-11940) (**From McMahon**)

Lose - Liverpool West (8594-9450), Liverpool East (10048-11366), Chipping Norton/Moorebank (6572-7069) (**To Hughes**) Fairfield East (7109-8218) (**To Blaxland**)

Gain/Loss: +9,871 Current Gain : -3,636 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 122,285

My Total 2028 Projection - 123,988

Blaxland: +11.54%

The electorate of Blaxland is currently centred around the major centres of Bankstown, Auburn, and Yagoona. I propose that it gains Fairfield East from Fowler, so that it boosts the ratio number to a more desirable 114,000, rather than the current 110,000. The seat of Watson also needed a numbers boost, so I suggest that Blaxland lose Regents Park to Watson, resulting in both seats having similar ratio outcomes.

Current - 110,001

Projection - 122,692

Gain - Fairfield East (7109-8218) (From Fowler)

Loss - Regents Park (3098-3649) (To Watson)

Gain/Loss: +4,011 Current Gain : +4,569 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 114,012

My Total 2028 Projection - 127,261

Inner West Sydney Area

Watson: +11.38%

The electorate of Watson currently centres around the areas of Lakemba, Roselands, Belfield, Punchbowl, and Greenacre. I have this seat not making any major changes apart from gaining Regents Park from Blaxland. This is only so that both seats end up with similar ratio margins, and geographically it does not compromise any of its surrounding areas.

Current - 110,765

Projection - 123,370

Gain - Regents Park (3098-3649) (From Blaxland)

Loss - N/A

Gain/Loss: +3,098 Current Gain : +3,649 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 113,863

My Total 2028 Projection - 127,019

Reid: +7.89%

The electorate of Reid currently encompasses the major centres of Strathfield, Burwood, Silverwater, Lidcombe, Homebush, and Five Dock. It doesn't need any changes to take place as none of its areas are at all conflicting with each other, nor is its ratio in need of gaining or losing places.

Current - 116,485

Projection - 125,674

Gain - N/A

Loss - N/A

Gain/Loss - N/A

My Total Current Projection - 116,485

My Total 2028 Projection - 125,674

Grayndler: +0.34%

The electorate of Grayndler currently encompasses the towns of Leichardt, Haberfield, and Marrickville. There are no major changes needed to this electorate but I have suggested that it gains the area of Tempe/Sydenham from Barton. This is simply because Grayndler currently holds parts of Sydenham, so it would only make sense that this town not be split, but rather be placed in the same seat. Another reason is that Tempe and Sydenham are placed to the north of the bridge, over the Cooks Alexandra Canal. On the map it would look a lot more pleasing to the eye for such changes to be made.

Current - 111,079 Projection - 111,454

Gain - Tempe/Sydenham (2549-2685) (From Barton)

Lose - N/A

Gain/Loss: +2,549 Current Gain : +2,685 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 114,003

My Total 2028 Projection - 114,139

Barton: +8.54%

The electorate of Barton currently encompasses Canterbury and Earlwood in its north, and Hurstville, Bexley, and Rockdale in its south. No major changes are needed, but I suggest shifting Tempe/Sydenham to Grayndler for the reasons that I mentioned above. I also suggest gaining Penshurst from the seat of Banks. This is mainly so that the seats can balance out and have similar ratios to one another. Its integrity is not compromised in any way by making such changes.

Current - 112,326 Projection - 121,919 Gain - Penshurst (5736-6637) (**From Banks**) Lose - Tempe/Sydenham (2549-2685) (**To Grayndler**) Gain/Loss: +3,187 Current Gain : +3,952 Projection Gain My Total Current Projection - **115,513**

My Total 2028 Projection - 125.871

East Sydney/Sydney CBD Areas

Sydney: -0.72%

The electorate of Sydney encompasses the whole of the Sydney CBD and its surrounds. No changes are necessary for this seat. The only change that could be made, is to give some of its area to Grayndler, if the AEC feels that the ratios of the 2 seats should be more similar.

Current - 122,549 Projection - 121,661 Gain - N/A Lose - N/A Gain/Loss: N/A My Total Current Projection - **122,549** My Total 2028 Projection - **121,661**

Wentworth: -1.63%

The electorate of Wentworth currently encompasses Wollahra, Paddington, Vaucluse, Waverley, and Randwick. This electorate is on the decline so I suggest that it gains the rest of Randwick, and Coogee/Clovelly from Kingsford Smith. This way the whole of Randwick is represented in the one seat rather than being split over 2, and it best puts the seat on par with others regarding necessary ratio's.

Current - 104,081

Projection - 102,383

Gain - Randwick Nth/Randwick Sth (13775-14269), Coogee/Clovelly (2697-2841) (From Kingsford Smith)

Lose - N/A

Gain/Loss: +16,472 Current Gain : +17,110 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 120,553

My Total 2028 Projection - 119,493

Kingsford Smith: +4.59%

The electorate of Kingsford Smith centres around Maroubra, Botany, Mascot, and Kingsford. I suggest that it loses Randwick so that all of Randwick could be placed under the one electorate of Wentworth, as well as Coogee/Clovelly. In return it would gain Rockdale/Banksia, and Wolli Creek from Barton.

Current - 115,481

Projection - 120,776

Gain - Rockdale/Banksia (11492-12399), Wolli Creek (3765-4548) (From Barton)

Lose - Randwick Nth & Sth (13775-14269), Coogee/Clovelly (2697-2841) (To Wentworth)

Gain/Loss: -1,215 Current Loss : -163 Projection Loss

My Total Current Projection - 114,266

My Total 2028 Projection - 120,613

South Sydney Area

Cook: +12.29%

The electorate of Cook encompasses areas like Sylvania, Carringbah, Miranda, Cronulla, and Sans Souci. No changes are necessary for this electorate, as it is a high growth area but with low current numbers, meaning it will naturally increase its population without having to allocate more areas to it.

Current - 111,384 Projection - 125,069 Gain - N/A Lose - N/A Gain/Loss: N/A My Total Current Projection - **111,384** My Total 2028 Projection - **125,069**

Banks: +10.18%

The electorate of Banks encompasses areas such as Riverwood, Peakhurst, Padstow, and Revesby. I suggest that it gains the Illawong/Alfords Point area from Hughes, as Hughes needed to lose some of its northern boundary as it had taken Liverpool off of Fowler in the west. Geographically it shows no compromises and fits quite well on the map. In return I suggest that Banks loses Penshurst to Barton. It could pick up another 5000-7000 electors from Hughes, if the AEC seeks to even out the ratios a bit more between the 2 seats.

Current - 108,512

Projection - 119,517

Gain - Illawong/Alfords Point (8093-9047) (From Hughes)

Lose - Penshurst (5736-6637) (To Barton)

Gain/Loss: +2,357 Current Gain : +2,410 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - 110,869

My Total 2028 Projection - 121,927

Hughes: +11.55%

The electorate of Hughes encompasses areas like Engadine, Heathcoate, Sutherland, and Moorebank. I suggest that it shifts its borders slightly to the north west and captures the whole of Liverpool and Chipping Norton, as well as grabbing the rest of Moorebank. Moorebank is widely known as a suburb of Liverpool, so it makes sense to have Liverpool a part of Hughes, and Fowler be more centred as a Fairfield based electorate. In return I have it losing Illawong/Alfords Point in its north to Banks, purely to even the numbers out and without compromise to map aesthetics.

Current - 108,110

Projection - 120,601

Gain - Liverpool West (8594-9450), Liverpool East (10048-11366), Chipping Norton/Moorebank (6572-7069) (From Fowler)

Lose - Illawong/Alfords Point (8093-9047) (To Banks)

Gain/Loss: +17,121 Current Gain : +18,838 Projection Gain

My Total Current Projection - **125,231**

My Total 2028 Projection - 139,439

Electorate	Current Ratio	Current Projection	My Current Ratio	My Future 2028 Projection
Illawarra/Sth Coast				
Cunningham -0.22%	118,123	117,869	127,029	129,882
Whitlam +3.61%	128,272	132,897	123,453	125,137
Gilmore +4.57%	128,981	134,884	126,797	132,533
Eden Monaro +6%	116,000	124,000	117,953	126,135
Hume +10%	125,549	138,104	114,670	128,730
Far West Sydney				
MacArthur +22.40%	140,280	171,700	127,497	150,235
Werriwa +20.08%	132,460	159,054	125,675	157,214
MacQuarie +8.46%	108,671	117,867	118,069	131,964
Lindsay +12.97%	127,763	144,334	121,037	136,462
McMahon +13.05%	111,293	125,817	117,722	131,237
Druitt (New Seat)	N/A	N/A	119,239	135,101
Chifley +17.08%	126,954	148,639	117,242	142,355
Greenway +14.52%	125,582	144,158	116,351	130,764
North Sydney				
Mitchell +17.16%	126,812	148,572	118,015	129,236
Berowra - Abolished	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bradfield +0.36%	109,126	109,523	120,612	122,314
MacKellar +5.61%	111,700	117,968	125,617	132,858
Warringah - Abolished	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Sydney -0.06%	112,630	112,566	125,882	124,852
Bennelong +4.57%	116,790	122,124	126,862	132,385
West Sydney				
Parramatta +9.65%	109,049	119,570	121,442	121,865
Fowler +13.53%	112,414	127,624	122,285	123,988
Blaxland +11.54%	110,001	122,692	114,012	127,261
Inner West Sydney				
Watson +11.38%	110,765	123,370	113,863	127,019
Reid 7.89%	116,485	125,674	116,485	125,674
Grayndler +0.34%	111,079	111,454	114,003	114,139
Barton +8.54%	112,326	121,919	115,513	125,871
East Sydney/CBD				
Sydney -0.72%	122,549	121,661	122,549	121,661
Wentworth -1.63%	104,081	102,383	120,553	119,493
Kingsford Smith +4.59%	115,481	120,776	114,266	120,613
South Sydney				
Cook +12.29%	111,384	125,069	111,384	125,069
Banks +10.18%	108,512	119,517	110,869	121,927
Hughes +11.55%	108,110	120,601	125,231	139,439