

# **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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**Objection Number 7**

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To whom it may concern

The cutting up of the Electorate of Reid does not make sense. This is a highly populated district with strong ties between the major centres of Granville, Merrylands and Auburn. Is this strong area being thrown out so that other areas of lower density can be kept?

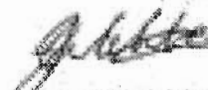
This bad decision should be changed.

The seat of Reid has had strong Members of Parliament especially The Hon. Tom Uren and now The Hon. Laurie Ferguson. We have always been able to talk to these Members of Parliament, to ask for help, to help understand the Australian way of doing things, and to explain to us, when young and new arrivals come, how the system of Government works. Auburn and Granville have always attracted newly arrived migrants. This is still the situation. The voting population does not reflect the density as many are new arrivals without being Citizens. This is still the position. This especially applies to migrants from Lebanon, still a predominant population in Granville, Auburn, Merrylands, Guildford and Harris Park.

My father is an honest, hardworking businessman who has many employees. I am a certified tradesman, an electrician. My siblings, cousins and extended family work in various trades or are university trained. The education and help my father received, and the support and example of honesty of our politicians in Reid, has enabled us to work in the system that attracted my grandparents in their migration. My children and extended family of my father, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews are very much the future of Australia. Granville is the centre of Reid. Everyone comes to Granville and knows the office here. Granville should not be split so that our Blouza community hall is in the Parramatta Electorate and the Church attended by the Lebanese families of The Trongate, on the other side of the street, is in Bankstown. This does not make sense. The boundaries can only be described as a "dog's hind leg". It is hard for people of non English speaking backgrounds to vote properly, there are many informal votes in this area. A lot of these are from the older members in the Lebanese community. Therefore making it harder for them, and other residents, to know how to vote is unnecessary and unwise.

Please change this decision for Granville. The boundary should still be distinct such as the water pipe line and the Liverpool railway line.

Concerned resident,

  
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