

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **45**

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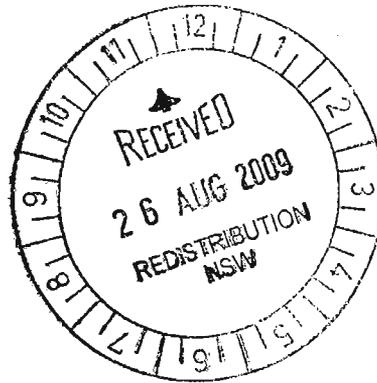
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Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission



Redistribution of Seats in NSW

Dear Committee Members,

We read with concern of the intention to dissolve the Federal Seat of Reid. While we are aware the need for redistribution, we feel that the guidelines set down on your website have been ignored.

We are concerned that our Granville area is once again under attack from pen wielding public servants who have no knowledge of the area that they are handling and are not interested in what has gone before, only concentrating on the job at hand and not the history. Our history, heritage and culture are under threat from every angle of modern society. You only have to look at the City and the Rocks area, which beat the developers hammer only for the action of one man Jack Mundy.

Modern society has a habit of being the throw away society, out with the old and in with the new, despite the fact that Billie McMahon would not have known where Granville was let alone visited the area. He was born and brought up on the North Shore, a far cry from the Western Suburbs and working families, he was brought up with a privileged background.

We had a business in Granville for 40 years; the people of Granville are hard working, proud of their area and give voluntary service in the area. It would appear that the proposed redistribution would split Granville into four different seats McMahon established 2009, formally Lowe established 1949, Blaxland established in 1949, Prospect established 1969 and Parramatta established since Federation, will confuse everyone.

The proposed names for the area is not truly representative of the area that the Granville people live in. The rich history of the area will be eroded by seats that have been formed just a short time ago. Both of us have worked, and given voluntary service in the area since 1960, we feel betrayed because the history of our area is being eroded and replaced by modern names and seats.

Surely the committee can devise another way to retain Reid which used to go as far East as Strathfield, as far North as Parramatta, as far South as Padstow and as far West as Villawood and Bass Hill.

We implore the committee not to dissolve Reid, instead retain the seat because of the history and dissolve one of the newer established seats for the sake of history.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Barry G Bullivant and June M Bullivant. The signature on the left is 'Barry G Bullivant' and the signature on the right is 'June M Bullivant'.

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