## **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009 NSW



# Objection Number 133

by

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## **STRONG OBJECTIONS**

## **TO THE ABOLITION OF REID**

We strongly object to the abolition of the Federal Seat of Reid as the office has been available to local constituents for over forty years. We have also enclosed a petition against this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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