

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number 161

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For the Attention of the Redistribution Secretariat



2nd September 2009

Dear Sirs,

Re. Proposed changes to FEDERAL electoral boundaries for NSW

I write re. the attached undated, unheaded, unsigned notice advising of the proposal to change The **Federal** electoral boundaries for New South Wales which will put me out of North Sydney into Warringah.

1. The notice bears no verification of its source and indeed when I telephoned our Local Member's office (Joe Hockey) they had no knowledge of such a notice.
2. Having checked with several residents in the area very few had received the notice and more than likely it was discarded as 'junk mail' not being on some form of official letterhead, in an envelope.
3. To advise us that we are *perceived* to have more community and regional interest With voters from Manly Vale, Allambie, Brookvale etc., than with those from Cammeray, Milsons Point and Crows Nest is LAUGHABLE. Does the Electoral office the locations of these suburbs??

- We are within walking distance of Cammeray, Milsons Point and Crows Nest
We know we would have to cross the Spit Bridge to get to Manly Vale, Allambie, Brookvale – a good half hour's DRIVE. Currently will need a GPS to find them.
- We shop, bank, have our general practitioner, within the areas of Neutral Bay, Cammeray, Crows Nest, Cremorne. Our local cinema is Cremorne, our golf course/seniors community centre are located in Cremorne/Neutral Bay.

Looking at the so called 'criteria' the Redistribution Committee has used for the proposed new divisions is completely untrue/inaccurate and unbalanced. You are trying to identify a residential community *with* a mainly light industrial community. Perhaps the committee should get out of the office with a map and look around.

This is just another high-handed political attempt to dishonestly rig the votes.

Yours faithfully


K Ellis

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The proposed FEDERAL electoral boundaries for New South Wales will put you out of the **North Sydney** into **Warringah**. More than 14,000 voters will be shifted out from Neutral Bay and Cremorne, and about the same number put in from Warringah and Bradfield.

North Sydney will be bounded east roughly by Warringah Expressway until it turns west when it will not be regarded as a dividing feature; south by Sydney Harbour; west to (Hunters Hill) by Bennelong, and north by the rearranged Bradfield electorate. The local government area of North Sydney is to comprise a small portion only.

Warringah will stretch from Sydney Harbour north to Forestville and Allambie, down to the Pacific Ocean and back, even across Sydney Harbour, to Mosman.

You are perceived to have more community and regional interest with voters from Manly Vale, Allambie, Brookvale etc. than with those from Cammeray, Milsons Point and Crows Nest.

The criteria the Redistribution Committee for NSW has used for the proposed new electoral divisions are

- 1 Primarily to ensure there are the same number of electors in each division (a 3.5% numerical tolerance is allowed. North Sydney and Warringah each falls well within this tolerance)
- 2 To consider actual and projected enrolment figures, and suggestions (124 received and available on AEC website) and 18 comments on the suggestions
- 3 Wherever possible to unite communities of interest
- 4 To use clearly identifiable features as divisional boundaries

Both North Sydney and Warringah presently meet the requirement of the first criterion and will meet the tolerance for projected enrolments in July 2012. Some suggestions supported the removal of voters from North Sydney to Warringah and see the Spit Bridge as a link, although The Spit is historically and currently accepted as a clearly identifiable community boundary.

Written objections to the proposed distribution must be received by the Australian Electoral Commission before 6 p.m. Friday 4 September 2009.

Attention: Redistribution Secretariat

By hand*

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*Details of the Report by the Redistribution Committee for NSW are available from here or website <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2009/nsw>