

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **167**

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Subject: Proposed changes to boundaries for Bennelong

I would like to lodge the following objections to the proposed redistribution for Bennelong.

1. Inadequate time seems to have been given for voters affected by the redistribution to find out about the proposed changes and lodge any objections they might have. How and when was this previously advertised as I only became aware of the proposed changes when I read a small article in the Northern District Times on Wednesday 2nd September. **Two days notice to lodge objections seems an inadequate time.**
2. The area bounded by Pennant Hills Road, North Rocks Road, Midson Road and the M2 was only changed from Berowra to Bennelong prior to the last Federal election. It would seem to be short term planning to change it back again. It will also be confusing to the voters affected.
3. If the M2 is suggested as a natural boundary then the area bounded by Pennant Hills, North Rocks Road, Midson Road and the M2 should remain in the Bennelong electorate.
4. The Redistribution Committee does not seem to have taken into account "community interests, communication links and physical features", as stated in the article in the Northern District Times. How could they know the community interests when the affected voters to my knowledge were not informed? **Surely the approximately 1900 voters affected by the change should have been consulted or at least informed by mail and not just juggled around in a numbers game.**
5. The sitting member for Bennelong, Maxine McKew, has been very active within the electorate since taking office and many members are very happy to have her as their representative in Parliament. This is in contrast to the sitting member for Berowra, Phillip Ruddock, who is elderly, has been in Parliament for a very long time and will probably retire soon. Voters would prefer someone with a long term commitment to parliament of the future as well as the people in their electorate.

Thank you for reading and considering these objections.

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