

# **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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**Objection Number 180**

**by**

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in Bangladesh Inc**

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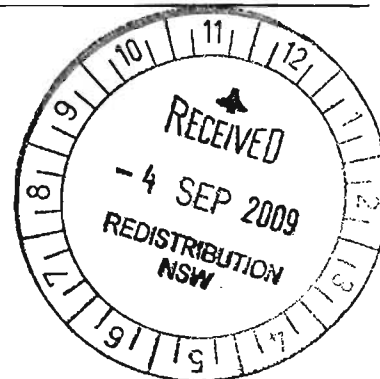
# Australian Forum for Minorities in Bangladesh Inc.

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The Electoral Commissioner  
Australian Electoral Commission  
Level 3, Roden Cutler House  
24 Campbell Street  
Haymarket, NSW 2000



Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Objection to proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries, REID

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Forum for Minorities in Bangladesh (AFMB)[1] expressing our concern about the proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries, REID, because of the following reasons:

Redistribution proposes the abolition of the seat of Reid

Loss of a seat in the Australian parliament would mean loss of a voice representing the community from this area.

Reid exceeds the population quota. Reid has highest population growth including one of the highest numbers of permanent residents becoming citizens in the Country. Reid has a population of approx 161000 whereas Lowe has 131000.

Reid has the highest multicultural population; loss of Reid would compromise service delivery to the community

Reid was named after former Prime Minister Sir George REID (1904-05). Retention of Reid would demonstrate the honour given to him is retained.

These issues are of great concern to our community and hope they will be considered in the final decision making.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjib Mohajan  
General Secretary

[1] AFMB, established in 2004, is a non-profitable Human Rights Organization of the minorities (Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and indigenous people) of Bangladeshi origin living in Australia and is committed to uphold the values of Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to work for the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights of religious and ethnic minorities in Bangladesh.