

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **278**

by

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The Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to voice my opposition to the proposed federal boundaries for New South Wales, particularly removing Bonnet Bay, West Como and West Jannali from the Division of Hughes.

As a local resident, I believe my community is better aligned with the Division of Hughes for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the Illawarra railway line acts as a natural and quite distinct physical boundary. As such, we have little connection with communities on the other side of the railway line within the Division of Cook. The railway line is also used as a coherent boundary for wards within the Sutherland Local Government Area (LGA). Quite simply, removing these suburbs from the Division of Hughes would create needless confusion within our community.

Additionally, the most convenient major shopping centre for the residents of Bonnet Bay, West Como and West Jannali is Menai Marketplace, further illustrating our organic connection to Hughes. Moreover, should residents need to visit their Federal Member of Parliament; the journey would take a further half an hour by public transport. Eroding our community's accessibility to its elected parliamentary representatives is hardly a desirable outcome.

The Electoral Commission's urgent attention to this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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