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Dear Electoral Commission,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal to remove Epping from the Bennelong electorate. I believe that this would be detrimental for several reasons.

Epping has been part of the Bennelong electorate since 1977. This long-standing inclusion has fostered a sense of continuity and stability for the residents of Epping within Bennelong.

Epping also shares strong community ties with neighbouring suburbs Eastwood and Marsfield, and has weaker connection to the region north of the M2. It would not be logical to include Epping in the Berowra electorate, which primarily covers that region.

The proposal for the Berowra electorate to cross the M2 into the Epping Town Centre is concerning. Splitting the suburb of Epping across two federal electorates undermines years of work to maintain single-seat representation for the Epping Town Centre across all three levels of government. This consistency in representation is crucial in addressing the needs of the community, which still has many ongoing issues that would be forgotten should the suburb be split into two electorates.

I urge you to reconsider the proposal and keep Epping within the Bennelong electorate. Maintaining the historical, community, and administrative integrity of Epping is essential for the well-being of our residents.

Yours sincerely,

Lara Ripley