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Objection 153

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Attention: New South Wales Redistribution Committee

Australian Electoral Commission

Regarding: Objection to Proposed NSW Electorate Redistribution

Dear NSW Redistribution Committee,

As a resident of North Sydney I writing to state my objection to the proposed redistribution of NSW Electorates. I live in Greenwich and work in St Leonards, as such I spend a great deal of time within the North Sydney electorate.

Whilst I understand the need to redistribute electorates based on population centres I would argue that the density and population of the suburbs that currently make up North Sydney are growing. Centres such as St Leonards, Crows Nest and Lane Cove are undergoing a development boom and as such there are thousands of new residents moving into this area. Many of these new developments are high density, high rise apartments. It doesn't seem that this ongoing growth is accounted for in the current redistribution proposal.

I would also urge the committee to consider the unique and highly engaged community that live within North Sydney. This community spirit and commitment was on display at the last federal election when an Independent candidate was supported by hundreds of local volunteers. It is rare to see this level of engagement within a community, and this risks being lost, should the electorate be fractured as is proposed.

Kind Regards,

North Sydney Resident

Rachael Barrowman