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Objection 359

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Bennelong objection

Good day.

I wish to object to the proposed boundary changes for Bennelong – specifically the loss of the suburbs of Epping and North Epping.

Epping and North Epping are both suburbs that have a much stronger connection to the town centre of Eastwood, so I am concerned for the representation they'd get if they move to Berowra.

The residents are culturally entwined and significant to their neighbouring suburb or Eastwood – particularly Chinese and Korean communities.

North Epping has been part of Bennelong since 1977, and the Epping town centre for over 20 years. This long-standing connection is crucial to our community's identity and representation.

The proposal disrupts the strong community of interest that exists between Epping, Eastwood, and Marsfield, which share economic, social, and cultural ties. There is a notably weaker connection with areas north of the M2, such as those included in Berowra.

Splitting Epping across two federal electorates undermines years of efforts to maintain unified representation for the Epping town centre across all levels of government. This division could dilute the effective advocacy and support our community receives.

Finally, people who live in our area you know that Epping, North Epping and Carlingford are deeply connected to the communities of the City of Ryde council and that separating them electorally will result in significantly reduced quality of representation for those communities and the interests they share.

Regards.

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