



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 515

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Dear Victorian Redistribution Committee,

I am writing express my objections to the interface of the Banks electorate. I support the inclusion of Milperra, which was an odd appendage in the previous Blaxland, being demographically separate and very different from the other suburbs in that seat. However, the proposed boundaries include much of Punchbowl which is essentially an odd appendage in the proposed Banks not unlike how Milperra was in the previous Blaxland. Punchbowl is very working class and has a large Islamic population like the suburbs in Watson and Blaxland and unlike the rest of Banks. I suggest that Hurstville in its entirety should be transferred into Banks, not unlike the previous boundaries of Banks between 2009 and 2016. Hurstville, having a large Chinese population, fits well with the rest of the suburbs in Banks along the Georges River and is demographically similar. There is a key community of interest between Hurstville and the rest of the seat, excluding Punchbowl hence it should be transferred out into Watson where it has strong connections with suburbs like Bankstown and Lakemba, forming a very strong community of interest. This can all be achieved with a simple rotation were starting from the current boundaries, Banks cedes Punchbowl and areas north of the M5 east of the Salt Pan Creek to Watson and gains Hurstville and potentially surrounding areas like Allawah depending on the numbers from Barton. Barton then absorbs the rest of the Georges River Council areas in Cook and Kingsford Smith and takes Campsie from Watson. These all improve the communities of interest in the area and provide more cohesive boundaries and seats.

I am also objecting to the inclusion of Epping in Berowra. It is also an odd appendage in the seat being very different and orientated towards Eastwood and Parramatta rather than Hornsby and Berowra. Epping is also demographically similar to the suburbs in the Bennelong and Parramatta electorate compared to Berowra. Thus, I suggest that Epping should be included either in the Bennelong or Parramatta electorate.

I thank the AEC for the opportunity to make objections which I urge the AEC to consider and implement.

Kind regards,

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