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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to object to the proposed changes to the Federal seat of Bennelong as outlined by the AEC in June.

The reason for my objection is largely due to the exclusions of the Epping, North Epping and Carlingford suburbs which have significant and longstanding ties to the greater Ryde area and the Bennelong electorate.

Residents Carlingford, Epping and North Epping share many transport links south of the M2 with residents of the Eastwood/Ryde region, including the soon-to-be upgraded Epping Bridge, the T9 North trainline and many bus routes. This connection is also expanded to public secondary schooling at Epping Boys High and Cheltenham Girls whose school boundaries extend well into the current and proposed Bennelong electorate. Other key resources shared by residents of Carlingford, Epping and North Epping include Ryde Hospital – a key resource for more acute care, Ambulance services, LAC for Ryde Police and stations all service these suburbs proposed to be cut.

More human connections would also be cut through cutting the Bennelong electorate to exclude Carlingford, Epping and North Epping. These areas share recreational spaces like the Field of Mars are used by those who live to the north and south of it, as well as Boronia Park. The greater “Ryde” district, including these suburbs, are all also part of the sporting regions of Ryde including netball association, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association. This is also seen across other codes, where players are sourced from Ryde and Epping as population groups to represent the greater region.

If the electorate needed to shed population to equal this out, I believe that the new inclusion of Hunters Hill/Lane Cove should be removed as these areas truly stand alone from the greater Bennelong – they are separated by bodies of water, major roads, separate schooling zones, standalone sports regions (and feed into different competitions and rep zones for higher level sport) and do not use the economic zones of Eastwood as their base for regular shopping/dining as those in the Carlingford/Epping region do.

I hope you consider my objection to the changes and keep Epping, North Epping and Carlingford as part of our greater community.