



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Suggestion 13

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The Electoral Redistribution Committee for New South Wales

Dear Commissioners,

### **Proposals for Redistribution of New South Wales**

I wish to make a submission to the committee for the state of New South Wales. It will be largely narrative in nature. As in the past with various states and territories I make this in a personal capacity. I have relied upon AEC elector projections and have found some of the suggestions of various contributors on various websites such as Poll Bludger and Tally Room to be quite helpful.

The basis of my proposals follows the following logic:

- The number of NSW seats is to reduce by one to 46 (from 47);
- I have relied heavily on the projected elector numbers;
- I have worked from fixed boundaries, such as the ocean, state boundaries and worked inland or south from Queensland, west from South Australia and north from Victoria;
- I have identified (as I am sure others will) that Richmond, Page and Newcastle will need little change as they are basically on projected quote in 2028, and have well defined boundaries, against the Tasman Sea, or the Queensland state border or major manmade or natural features;
- It is possible to draw boundaries for all Divisions outside of Sydney with adjustments with immediately neighbouring divisions. This applies to the North Coast, New England and Hunter, South west and south east New South Wales, the Central Coast, and Illawarra. With excess enrolments on the North Coast, I believe that Paterson will move slightly eastwards taking in additional enrolments from Lyne, with parts of Paterson in turn passing to Hunter with the parts of Hunter in turn been placed in New England and or Parkes. Some adjustments between Whitlam and Cuningham will remove elector imbalances there;
- Sydney will be the area to lose a Division. The greatest shortfalls are in the inner west, eastern suburbs and north shore. With the greatest surpluses in the north west and south west of Sydney;
- On the north shore, there will be a gradual westward movement of boundaries and the surplus enrolments in Greenway, Mitchell could be used with the northern (Hawkesbury) part of Macquarie to maintain existing Divisions. The Division names there are long established and in the case of Bennelong indigenous. The Division of Parramatta's northern suburbs could be used to increase numbers in the north shore Divisions. The remainder of Parramatta would be moved to the south as the abolition of a Division such as Blaxland will enable eastern suburbs Divisions to be maintained and remedy small elector shortfalls in Cook, Banks and Hughes, which are not far short of quota. Fowler (one of the few Divisions named in honour of woman) which adjoins Blaxland needs additional electors also;

- If the Hawkesbury portion of Macquarie is transferred to a north western Division it could take in a large portion of the surplus in Chifley or from McMahon, which in turn can be supplemented with surplus electors from Werriwa and Macarthur. Lindsay would contract westwards and lose some of its eastern suburbs to a redrawn Macquarie or to Chifley or McMahon;
- Names of Divisions has a particular prominence. In the case of New South Wales and Victoria the number of federation names, prime ministers names, aboriginal names and number of women's names should be sought to be maintained; and
- In the background is apparent plans to enlarge the Senate and House of Representatives, which might mean the new boundaries might be shortly revisited.

**Conclusion**

I wish the Commissioners all the best in their deliberations.

Regards

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