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# Comment on suggestion 57

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## Comments on Suggestions for the Redistribution - North Sydney

Having reviewed most of the suggestions that highlight changes for North Sydney, the North Shore and the Northern Beaches, I strongly support and agree with Suggestion No. 22. I have lived in the northern part of Sydney for over 35 years and have limited my comments to this area that I know.

The proposal to expand the boundary of the Division of North Sydney by expanding north and east makes a lot of sense and means that all of the Willoughby LGA and all of the North Sydney LGA would be in the same Division. The other boundaries within the Division would be retained. That would satisfy the electoral enrollment requirements for both 2025 and 2028, and importantly it would group communities of interest together.

Other areas of commonality for this alignment include: having the three large commercial hubs in one Division, all of four LGA's in one Division, communities of interest in terms of schools, sporting competitions, transport, demographics and shopping areas.

This change would alleviate a lot of confusion for voters, especially in the Chatswood area where the current boundary is down the main street of the shopping area. Having all of the Willoughby LGA and the NSW seat of Willoughby, within the Division of North Sydney, makes sense and would be clear and easy for people to understand.

Many other suggestions for boundary changes in this area appear to be politically motivated and are pushing for major change rather than assessing natural boundaries, communities of interest and retaining Divisions that already meet relevant criteria and only require minor tweaking to balance out numbers.

As a long term resident of North Sydney and previously Bradfield, I encourage the AEC to consider Suggestion 22, and reflect on my comments. My children attended schools in both areas and participated in numerous sporting codes. The crossover between North Sydney and Bradfield is not strong, and connections with Warringah and Ryde are very weak. This applies to schools, sporting events, shopping and all activities of daily life.