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# Comment on Objections 119

Anonymous 1

7 pages

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

All objections below will be commented on, in regards to the electoral boundaries of the Greenway, Chifley, McMahon, Mitchell, Parramatta and Lindsay.

The detailed information under each objection listed is from the objection itself and the comments on these objections will be written at the very end of all the objections below.

OB8 - 'Lara Lyons'

"I will applaud the committee for the Greenway boundaries as an improvement, though long term, ideally in this redistribution, if possible, I think Greenway would need to be realigned east-west to consist solely of the north-western growth areas, while Chifley would also need to be realigned east-west to consist of the established deprived suburbs."

"Parramatta should shed its areas west which are better off in a Blacktown based seat and resemble more of the Parramatta LGA which the electorate is based on."

OB11 - 'Benjamin Close'

"Greenway - should be a blacktown only division, the northern parts of the hills can stay in Mitchell, can take the parts of Blacktown from Parramatta and McMahon"

OB13 - 'Anonymous 1' My objection

OB36 - 'Cheston Mak'

"Greenway - Retain some portions of Blacktown and Seven Hills south of the railway line. This also means the entire Blacktown (East) - Kings Park SA2 area is within Greenway. Boundary to be Seven Hills Road South, Bungarribee Road and Balmoral Street (i.e. Blacktown (East) - Kings Park SA2 boundary)"

OB38 - 'Rita Camilleri'

"I am **writing to express my strong objection** to the current proposal that includes the suburbs of Nelson, Box Hill, Gables, and Rouse Hill in the Greenway redistribution. These suburbs, traditionally blue-ribbon Liberal seats, are not part of Western Sydney but rather The Hills."

OB330 - 'Nicholas Weston'

"North Rocks occupies a unique position geographically, with pronounced physical boundaries to its north and west. It ought to be wholly united in a single division, and that division should be one that contains Carlingford and Oatlands, the suburbs with which North Rocks shares the most in common. That is to say, I ask that the committee transfer the balance of North Rocks to Parramatta."

OB375 - 'Ben Raue'

“Fowler loses the Liverpool central business district, Chipping Norton and Warwick Farm to Hughes, and replenishes its quota by suburbs in the cities of Liverpool and Fairfield on the south-western fringe of the division, including Ashcroft, Bonnyrigg Heights, Busby, Heckenberg and Sadleir and parts of Bonnyrigg, Cecil Hills, Green Valley and Mount Pritchard.”

OB421 - ‘Darren McSweeney’

“Chifley, Greenway, McMahon, Mitchell and Parramatta”

OB504 - ‘Leon Shinkai’

“Following the shift of Fowler to the south, McMahon should also do the same. In doing so, McMahon should reverse its northern shift into Blacktown LGA to avoid worsening the transport connection issue. Further, it should also lose Minchinbury, St Clair and Erskine Park to Chifley. This will move Chifley substantially west so that its eastern boundaries use Eastern Creek in full. Small adjustments to Lindsay and Greenway may be needed due to this (side note: I have no problems with Greenway crossing Old Windsor Rd, especially at the northernmost part).”

“By allowing Chifley’s eastern boundary to be drawn substantially west of both the current arrangements and the committee’s proposal and possibly moving Greenway’s southern boundaries slightly north, this creates a void in Blacktown and this should be the centrepiece of the new seat. It should include whatever of Blacktown LGA is not already in Chifley or Greenway, and then expand it east until quota is met.”

OB619 - ‘Jeff Waddell’

“Overall, the boundaries proposed for Chifley, Greenway, Lindsay, McMahon, Macquarie, and Parramatta are sound. A small change of the boundary between Greenway and Mitchell would improve “on the ground” visibility and clarity without affecting any proposed elector movements.”

OB668 - ‘anonymous 29’

“With the increase of population in Blacktown City Council, it has become time for a proper realignment of the divisions in this area. The 3-way split of central Blacktown along railway lines is a particularly poor outcome, as is the proposal for McMahon to include an even more disconnected group of suburbs than before.

Chifley can and should be properly based on the Mount Druitt area by taking in Minchinbury, Erskine Park and St Clair from McMahon, as well as the aforementioned Colyton, Oxley Park and North St Marys from Lindsay.

Greenway should take in those parts of Chifley that are east of Richmond Road to broadly represent the growth areas of northern Blacktown. It should return all areas east of Windsor Road to Macquarie and Mitchell.

While it retains Fairfield, McMahon is not going to be a particularly well-defined division, but the split of Blacktown can be minimised if it takes in those parts of Chifley that are east of Eastern Creek and south of Richmond Road, as well as most of the locality of Blacktown from Greenway.

OB669 - 'NSW Labor'

"It would not be in the interest of Seven Hills residents to be in the seat of McMahon which also has Fairfield CBD in its boundaries. Communities such as Seven Hills do not consider themselves part of the Fairfield community nor do they have a connection with Fairfield CBD. Fairfield feels very separate from their connection to the Blacktown LGA and this separation is intentional, not coincidental. The Blacktown Local Government Area, with its significant size and presence, has cultivated a sense of community that only a large council can achieve."

OB705 - 'The Greens NSW'

"The Greens NSW object to the shifting of Box Hill, Gables and Rouse Hill areas out of Mitchell and into Greenway. These areas belong to the Hills Shire council and have a stronger community of interest with the rest of the division of Mitchell than Greenway. To address this we recommend that Greenway retain its original northeastern boundaries and expand to include some of the Winston Hills area from Mitchell.

We further propose that Parramatta could take part of the suburb of Northmead to balance out the voter shifts with modest adjustments made to the boundary with the division of McMahon to make the adjustments sensible.

The Greens NSW are also concerned about the northward redefinition of Chifley as well as Greenway, particularly the northeastward extension of Greenway through the addition of the suburbs of Gables, Nelson, Box Hill and eastern Rouse Hill, and the transfer to other electorates - mainly McMahon - of the whole area south of the Western railway line from the Girraween Creek to WestLink.

Our concern relates to the strong community of interest within the Blacktown local government area, and the dissimilarity of the northernmost belt of Chifley suburbs with the west-Blacktown community.

We propose instead a modest southward shift, with the suburb of Minchinbury moving into Chifley and some of the most outlying northern suburbs of the existing Chifley and Greenway shaved off to compensate for population growth further south.

A further possibility for addressing the surplus quotas in Chifley and Greenway while respecting community of interest could include:

- Moving Ropes Crossing into Lindsay, where it would have much in common with Jordan Springs;
- Moving Angus and Richards into Greenway, where they would have much in common with Riverstone and Tallawong
- Leaving Gables, Nelson, Box Hill and eastern Rouse Hill in Mitchell, or redistributing them between Mitchell and Berowra
- Retaining the Great Western Highway as the southern boundary of both Chifley and Greenway."

OB708 - 'Peter Mitchell'

**"Greenway**

- i. I oppose the current proposal to draw multiple boundaries through the centre of Blacktown. This is a major centre that deserves to be wholly contained within a single division. This is negative impact #4 from the proposed abolition of North Sydney.
- ii. I support the proposal for Greenway to move north of Windsor Road into Rouse Hill. While Windsor Road was previously a major boundary, the north-western rail line is turning this into a series of centres. New suburban developments throughout this area are also very similar to one another (for example Kellyville and Kellyville Ridge), so there is no clear reason for these areas to be divided into separate divisions any more.

iii. I suggest Greenway also extends east slightly to include Kellyville as part of Mitchell moving north.

## **10. Chifley**

i. I suggest that McMahon is formed around the major urban centre of Blacktown. This completes redistribution of the northern Sydney region whereby Greenway moves north, McMahon moves north into this space, and Chifley retreats out of the McMahon areas of Doonside / Quakers Hill and instead extends move south.”

## **Comments On Objections: 2023/4 NSW Redistribution**

With Objection 8 - ‘Lara Lyons’, to an extent I agree with the objection on the basis of the second statement of Parramatta returning areas west within Blacktown LGA to either Greenway and that the electorate should resemble more of the Parramatta LGA. I 50/50 agree and disagree both the electorate of Chifley and Greenway going into a east-west configuration as the divide whether it be along the richmond train line or Richmond Rd-Balmoral St-Reservoir Rd alignment, it focuses both electorates on the 4 major town centres that help grow the Blacktown LGA into the future with the 2 established southern town centres of Blacktown and Mount Druitt both within 1 electorate each, and future town centres of Marsden Park and Riverstone/Schofields in the northern half of both electorates. This showcases the significance of having both the electorates of Chifley and Greenway in a north-south configuration instead of an east-west configuration like from the redistribution of 2006 which contracted both electorates into a east-west configuration which did not work for the constituents of Blacktown LGA and Hawkesbury LGA combining them within one major electorate.

With objection 11 - ‘Benjamin Close’, I agree with this objection of Greenway being a Blacktown only division and how it should maintain and stay that way with giving back the proposed parts of the Hills District back to Mitchell and gaining back, not some, all of Blacktown LGA from the Great Western highway, up from Parramatta and McMahon.

With objection 13 - ‘Anonymous 1’, my suggestion is adequate for the constituents of the Blacktown LGA, who have had representation by the two electorates ever since the creation of both electorates, except for the 2006 redistribution. If any changes need to

occur with my suggestion, I would suggest retaining most of the electorate with the 4 major town centres of Blacktown LGA within both electorates respectively.

With objection 36 - 'Cheston Mak', I agree with this objection, however, i do not agree with the border ending at the Bungarribee, Seven Hills South roads and Balmoral Street boundary instead I believe that the boundary should be at its current boundary along the Great Western Highway.

With objection 38 - 'Rita Camilleri', I agree on this objection as the Northern Hills District Suburbs should be maintained in the electoral district of Mitchell instead of being transferred into Greenway which have drastic different views on the community as Windsor Rd and Old Windsor Rd is a big de facto boundary that separates both Blacktown City Council suburbs, south of the boundary, to the Hills District Council suburbs, north of the boundary.

With objection 330 - 'Nicholas Weston', I agree with this objection as I believe that the southern part of the electorate of Mitchell contains Parramatta City Council, in which it would be better transferred to the electorate of Parramatta, which means that the electorate of Mitchell retains the northernmost parts of the Hills District that are supposed to be transferred to Greenway.

With objection 375 - 'Ben Raue', I agree with this objection on the federal seat of Fowler as, even though Liverpool and Cabramatta town centres are close to each other, they have very different cultural aspects of life within each town centre and some or most of the constituents in the proposed suburbs moving into Fowler, shop within the electorate within the Cabramatta town centre or the nearby shopping centres in Green Valley. This can be seen similar to Fairfield, Blacktown and Merrylands town centres, where Fairfield and Merrylands town centres are closer in distance but also in culture aspects of life then Fairfield to Blacktown, where Blacktown is a very diverse suburb with many different cultures mixing within the community.

With objection 421 - 'Darren McSweeney', I disagree with the consensus of the comments of the boundaries of Chifley, Greenway, McMahon, Mitchell and Parramatta as Blacktown City Council and CBD have been the main vocal point of the electorates of Greenway and Chifley, with the suburb and town centre of Seven Hills being an anchor of Blacktown CBD and the Greenway electorate, right along the border of Blacktown City Council. I disagree with the split of Blacktown CBD between McMahon and Greenway, instead either keeping it within the current split of Greenway and Chifley, or transferring all of the CBD and suburb of Blacktown into the electoral division of Greenway. With Parramatta, I agree with the boundary crossing Old Windsor Road into the suburbs that are in Parramatta City Council instead of crossing into Blacktown City Council and taking Seven Hills and disrupting the cultural connection of the suburb to Blacktown CBD. With McMahon, I disagree with it moving into Blacktown CBD further, as both Fairfield CBD and Blacktown CBD are vastly different from one another and the difference in distance between the western edge of the electorate into Penrith Council,

as McMahon should be an electorate that consists of 2 main councils instead such as Fairfield Council and Cumberland Council to match the quota needed with other electorates slotting in to balance out the quota needed.

With objection 504 - 'Leon Shinkai', I agree with the movement of McMahon, south, into Cumberland and Fairfield Councils, in which I disagree with the shift of Greenway into the Hills District, as it should remain a full Blacktown LGA electorate. With Chifley, I believe that the suburbs of St Clair and Erskine Park should be transferred to Lindsay instead of Chifley as it has a greater connection to St Marys, which is located in Lindsay, and all these suburbs would lie within the Penrith LGA boundary, and Minchinbury should go to Chifley as it has closer ties to Mt Druitt and Rooty Hill suburbs of Blacktown LGA.

With objection 619 - 'Jeff Waddell', I disagree with the objection as Blacktown CBD is divided with no vocal point in the electorates of Greenway and McMahon, both Blacktown CBD and Fairfield CBD are two vastly culturally different centres for the communities of the two different local government areas. Greenway should revert to its original boundaries instead of crossing Old Windsor/Windsor Roads into the Hills District which has very different communities in both local government areas.

With objection 668 - 'Anonymous 29', I disagree with the objection of many suburbs within Blacktown LGA and within the electorates of Chifley and Greenway, that have been located within these electorates ever since the creation of them except for the 2006 redistribution. The crossing of Penrith and Blacktown LGA boundaries of Chifley has never been done ever since the creation of the electorate, in which I disagree the crossing of LGA boundaries in Penrith LGA, but if Chifley needs to lose voters, it is better for Lindsay to move its borders into Blacktown LGA, into surrounding suburbs such as Roper Crossing and Shanes Park.

With objection 669 - 'NSW Labor', I agree with this objection statement as it caters to the needs of the two drastically different CBDs and LGAs of Blacktown and Fairfield. As stated from this objection, Blacktown LGA has a vibrant distinct melting pot of culture through the sense of community that has been inherited by the LGA from the people that live within the LGA .

With objection 705 - 'The Greens NSW', I agree with most of the objections proposed, except for the proposal of transferring Winston Hills into Greenway rather than Parramatta, where it has a strong connection to Parramatta and The Hills LGA and should be split along the border of these LGAs, with Parramatta returning the portion of Seven Hills to Greenway and retaining the southern boundary of both Greenway and Chifley, and I agree with the movement of the suburb of Minchinbury into Chifley as it has closer ties to Rooty Hill and Mt Druitt areas than Fairfield.

With objection 708 - 'Peter Mitchell', I agree with the first point on Greenway, with making sure that Blacktown CBD stays intact as the cultural significance of the city is prevailed by the surrounding suburbs that make up the community of Blacktown City Council. However, I disagree with the rest of the points for Greenway and the main point

of Chifley as the boundary of Greenway and Mitchell have never intersected over Old Windsor/Windsor Roads as it is also the main boundary for both Blacktown City Council and The Hills Shire, which both have distinct communities in both LGAs. I believe that McMahon should not extend into Blacktown LGA and rather be an electorate that covers closer communities that have ties to Fairfield, like in Fairfield and Cumberland Councils and suburbs in Blacktown have a strong sense of community to the electorates of Greenway and Chifley and would be under-represented in an electorate such as McMahon.