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Comment on suggestion 83

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to comment on the submissions that relate to the borders between the seats of **Kingsford Smith, Sydney** and **Wentworth**. In particular, I would like to oppose the numerous submissions that suggest splitting the suburb of Coogee between the seats of **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth** and provide some commentary on the three options that the commission could reasonably consider in relation to this boundary.

I would ask that the commission take note of the failures of geography that exist in two of the submissions in relation to the border between the suburbs of Coogee and Clovelly.

The following submissions incorrectly identify the border between Clovelly and Coogee in their submission:

Suggestion 43 – David Lumsden

Suggestion 44 – Allegra Spender MP

The border between the suburbs of Coogee and Clovelly is Clovelly Road between Mount Street and Beach Street, then Beach Street to Battery Street, Battery Street to Tower Street and then Tower Street to the coast at Gordons Bay.

If the commission intends to include the entirety of the suburb of Clovelly in Wentworth, but leave Coogee in Kingsford Smith, then the border between **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth** should be made up by the suburb border. Splitting the areas north of Alison Road that are located in the suburb of Coogee, as proposed by a significant number of submissions, would be a bad outcome. The nearest polling places to these SA1s are located in the balance of suburb of Coogee, and most of the services and cultural connections of this part of Coogee are best linked to the balance of suburb of Coogee rather than the suburb of Clovelly.

The following submissions propose splitting the suburb of Coogee between Kingsford Smith and Wentworth and I am opposed to their proposal to do so:

Suggestion 14 - Jeff Waddell

Suggestion 18 – Leon Shinkai

Suggestion 24 – The Hon Malcolm Turnbull AC

Suggestion 43 – David Lumsden

Suggestion 44 – Allegra Spender MP

Suggestion 46 – The Greens NSW

Suggestion 47 – Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division

Suggestion 49 – Luke Dixon

Suggestion 56 – Joshua Lucock

Despite the above, both The Hon Malcolm Turnbull AC in Suggestion 24 and Allegra Spender MP in Suggestion 44 note that the split of the suburb of Coogee is undesirable and that the northern half of Coogee should not be split from the southern half. I would strongly agree with this sentiment. Their failures of geography do not discount the importance of the comments they make in recognising the desirability of retaining the entirety of the suburb of

Coogee in one seat. Their positions as the former and incumbent MP for Wentworth provides them with unique insight into the local area.

It is my opinion that the commission has three options in relation to the border between Kingsford Smith and Wentworth.

Option 1 – Retain the existing borders between Kingsford Smith and Wentworth

Under this option, the existing border between the seats of Kingsford Smith and Wentworth would be retained. As Wentworth needs to gain territory, these territory gains would come from Sydney. Under this option, Wentworth would gain all of Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Potts Point and Woolloomooloo from Sydney to bring it to quota.

The following submissions are supportive of this option:

Suggestion 16 – Darren McSweeney

Suggestion 24 – The Hon Malcolm Turnbull AC

Suggestion 53 – Justin Lamond

Suggestion 54 – Conor Magee (I was the author of this suggestion)

Suggestion 55 – Michael Ritchie

This is the option that I would recommend to the commission.

Option 2 – All of Coogee, Clovelly and Randwick in Wentworth

Under this option, the border between Wentworth and Kingsford Smith would be moved significantly further south than at present. The entirety of the suburbs of Coogee, Clovelly, Randwick and South Coogee would be contained within the electorate of Wentworth. Under this option, Wentworth would lose the balance of Potts Point and Darlinghurst to Sydney. Kingsford Smith would need to gain significant territory from Sydney, likely including all of Alexandria, Beaconsfield, Rosebery, Waterloo and Zetland.

The following submissions are supportive of this option:

Suggestion 25 – Benjamin Close

Suggestion 29 – Peter Mitchell

Suggestion 31 – Mark Mulcair

Suggestion 40 – Damien Ferri

Suggestion 41 – David M

Suggestion 48 – NSW Labor

A similar proposal, which includes all of Coogee, Clovelly and some of Randwick in Wentworth is proposed by NSW Nationals in Suggestion 50. I am opposed to this suggestion.

Option 3 – Coogee in Kingsford Smith and Clovelly and Randwick – North in Wentworth

