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Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes to the Federal Electorates of Berowra and Bennelong

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed changes to the federal electorates of Berowra and Bennelong. As a long-standing resident of the 2121 postcode, which is part of the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA) and the Bennelong electorate, I have deep concerns regarding the potential impact of these changes on our community.

Having lived in this area for over thirty years, I have witnessed firsthand the unique identity and cohesion of our community. The proposed boundary changes threaten to disrupt this cohesion by dividing neighborhoods that have historically shared common interests, infrastructure, and services. The 2121 postcode, in particular, has always been an integral part of the Bennelong electorate, and altering its boundaries would create unnecessary confusion and dilute the representation of our community.

The Bennelong electorate has a rich history and a well-established sense of community. Over the years, the residents have developed strong connections with local representatives, who have an in-depth understanding of the specific needs and concerns of our area. The proposed changes would sever these ties and require residents to establish new relationships with representatives unfamiliar with our local issues. This transition could lead to a period of ineffective representation, ultimately disadvantaging our community.

Furthermore, the proposed changes could lead to a misalignment of federal and local government boundaries, complicating the delivery of essential services and infrastructure projects. The current alignment ensures that the Parramatta LGA and Bennelong electorate can work cohesively to address local needs. Any alteration to this alignment risks creating administrative inefficiencies and could hinder the effective governance of our area.

In conclusion, I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed changes to the federal electorates of Berowra and Bennelong. Maintaining the current boundaries will preserve the integrity of our community and ensure that the residents of the 2121 postcode continue to receive effective and consistent representation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this important matter and trust that the AEC will take these concerns into account.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Carter