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Objection for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution of the removal of Epping, North Epping, and Carlingford from Bennelong.

Attn: NSW Redistribution Secretariat

Date: 27/06/2024

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed division of Epping and redistribution of NSW electorate borders.

I am a resident of Epping, which at the moment is part of Bennelong.

I understand that a redistribution is sought only for the purposes of meeting minimum electorate voting enrolment quotas for the purpose of aligning with the new decreased number of members of the House of representatives (from 47 to 46).

The proposed redistribution would see Epping split into two, and moved to the federal electorate of Berowra.

I object to the proposed distribution for the following reasons:

Epping, North Epping, and Carlingford are much closer geographically to the heart of Berowra. The local services cater more for these communities. Berowra is geographically further and Epping has less in common with Berowra than it does with its immediate neighbours. A redistribution would mean Epping would be on the fringe of the new electorate, one that Epping has less in common with and a weaker link to. If the electorate is re-distributed, Epping residents would end up having to vote for an electorate that they do not physically benefit from nor part of. Additionally, all the work we as a community and our local MP Jerome Laxale did for Epping would be in vain.

Splitting an existing community in two would mean if members of the community wish to request funding or lobbying for community projects, it could mean that a project that would have benefitted the wider local community of for example, Epping, would now have to be sought from the new electorate, and would have to cover a target audience of two electorates. For example, the Epping Town Centre currently as a single seat representation across all 3 levels of Government.

The split would mean parts of Epping Town Centre's interests may be covered in Local, while others aspects (that might be part of the same project) are covered in the State level, which would get very messy when one group of people in the overall Epping community wants to something done and requires applications and lobbying to more than one level of government across different electorates that might have conflicting opinions.

Thank you for taking into consideration my views.

Stephanie