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Objection 175

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The Australian Electoral Commission
Locked Bag 4007
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Boundary Changes for the Federal Electorate of Bennelong

I am writing to formally object to the proposed changes to the boundaries of the federal electorate of Bennelong. As a resident of this area, I am deeply concerned about the implications of these changes, particularly the division of the suburb of Epping.

I strongly object to the proposal to split the suburb of Epping across two federal electorates. Considerable efforts have been made historically to keep Epping within the same electoral boundaries across the three levels of government, ensuring consistent representation and advocacy for local issues. Dividing Epping would disrupt this continuity and potentially dilute the community's voice on matters that are of shared concern. Keeping Epping within a single electorate is crucial for maintaining consistent representation across all levels of government.

I emphasise the importance of retaining both Epping and Eastwood within the same electorate. The community of interest between Epping and Eastwood is significant, and these suburbs share a strong connection that would be undermined by splitting them into separate electorates. The communities are closely linked culturally, economically, and socially, and it is vital to maintain their unity within the electorate of Bennelong. This cohesion fosters a stronger community identity and ensures effective representation in government.

I urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary changes, taking into account the importance of maintaining Epping's unity and the shared community interests between Epping and Eastwood. These factors are vital in preserving the integrity and identity of the Bennelong electorate.

Thank you for considering my objections. I look forward to your favourable reconsideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Neil & Shannon Pearse