



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 521

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Mr Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission
Via AEC website

Dear Electoral Commissioner,

Proposed Redistribution of NSW into Electoral Divisions – May 2024
Objection to Retiring the Name ‘North Sydney’

I write to object to retiring the name ‘North Sydney’, per the May 2024 proposed NSW electoral redistribution report (“the May 2024 Report”).

And to propose that the new seat arising from merging the existing North Sydney and Warringah electorates should be named North Sydney.

The reasons for my objection and proposal are:

- North Sydney is a Federation Divisional name and, as per AEC policy “every effort should be made to retain the names of the original federation divisions” (see [Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions - Australian Electoral Commission \(aec.gov.au\)](https://www.aec.gov.au/guidelines-for-naming-federal-electoral-divisions)).
- The May 2024 Report does not demonstrate that every effort - indeed, any effort - has been made to retain the North Sydney name.
- The existing North Sydney electorate, the existing Warringah electorate and the proposed merged electorate all fall within the boundaries of the 1900 North Sydney electorate (see map in the Attachment), providing a clear link for all these electorates to the North Sydney federation electorate.
- Very little of the merged electorate will have a link to “Warringah”, being the former Warringah Council area. Most of the merged electorate identifies with and resides in the North Sydney, Mosman and former Manly Council areas and have no community of interest with Warringah.
- That is, all voters in the electorate can have some identification with North Sydney, both historically and broadly geographically; but only a few voters will identify with Warringah.
- Ultimately the merged electorate can be expected to have no overlap and identification with the former local Warringah Council following future redistributions. Population growth can be expected to result in the northern boundary with the Mackellar electorate to continue to move south towards Manly in future years.
- Indeed, the May 2024 Report significantly underestimates the expected population growth in North Sydney, as the NSW Government has announced that a new Transport Oriented Development zone will be centred on the new Metro station at Crows Nest. Once the AEC adjusts for that, the boundary with Mackellar may need to be moved further south now.
- North Sydney is the second major CBD in Sydney, which is a further factor in retaining this as the name of its federal and Federation electorate.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Hartnell

Map of North Sydney Electorate in 1900

NSW Family History - Sydney Electoral Divisions Map Index

https://www.ihr.com.au/maps/SydneyIndex.html

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Dalley

This electoral division includes the Sydney suburbs of Glebe, Forest Lodge, Annandale, Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle and Balmain.

East Sydney

This electoral division includes the area from George St east to Woolloomooloo, Potts Point, Kings Cross and Darlinghurst, and south to Cleveland St.

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Includes the suburbs of Arncliffe, Bexley, Camperdown, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Hurstville, Newtown, Marrickville, Rockdale, Sydenham and Tempe, the area to the south-east of Canterbury Road and east of Salt Pan Creek to Botany Bay, and Sutherland Shire north of Port Hacking and Saville's Creek, and east of the Woronora River.

North Sydney

Includes Gosford and Wyong and the area north from Port Jackson and the Parramatta River to Morrisset and Lake Macquarie.