



## Objection 534

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## Good Day

My name is Yaser Ali, and I'm a resident of Epping in the Seat of Bennelong, and I would like to object to the proposed redistribution of the NSW Federal Divisions.

I have listed a number of points to discuss. You can pick whichever you'd like to expand on, and can list them in any order:

- NSW is Australia's most populous Electorate, and reducing a seat does not make sense when considering to the populations of today, nor for the next redistribution in 2031.
- North Sydney is a seat of historical importance, being an original seat from 1901, and having several notable members including seminal parliamentarian Billy Hughes. Utmost effort should be taken to maintain the seat.
- The demographic and cultural makeup of the seat of Bennelong is much closer today to Western Sydney than it is to North Sydney, and shifting it as described will only marginalise the voices of those living on its North-Western boundaries.
- Shifting the suburb of Epping into the Division of Berowra will marginalise the voices of those living there, due to a very different demographic and cultural makeup.
- Bennelong is a well-balanced seat between suburban sprawl, and diverse, high density living. Shifting the boundaries will disrupt this balance.
- Several parts of Bennelong, including Epping, Eastwoodand Macquarie, are experiencing high population growth, and would likely require a seat to be recentred around them next Redistribution anyway.
- Australia's democracy is world renowned, thanks to the One Vote,
  One Value' that we hold in high regard. Taking a seat from NSW, and redistributing the Divisions this way, does not uphold these values.
- I implore you to consider the equitable representation of today, and not disadvantage NSW voters on account of future population projections.

Thanks so much for your time reading my objection.

Regards

Yaser