



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 543

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SUBMISSION TO AEC re NSW FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION IN WARRINGAH & NORTH SYDNEY ELECTORATES

To The Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to object to the AEC Redistribution as proposed for the Divisions of Warringah and North Sydney. It is proposed to take significant northern areas from Warringah, in particular North Curl Curl, to be distributed elsewhere and then to add a significant area of North Sydney to Warringah. In so doing, this proposal would abolish the seat of North Sydney in the NSW Federal Redistribution.

However, I would support the following:

- Keeping the division of Warringah in its current distribution which includes, for example, North Curl Curl, Forestville and parts of Dee Why which have significant sporting and civic links with Warringah communities. Warringah could logically be expanded to the eastern side of the Warringah Freeway, in the eastern section of North Sydney, to include Kirribilli and areas of Neutral Bay, Cremorne and Cammeray not already in Warringah.
- If the North Sydney Division needs an increased number of voters, its boundaries could be moved north to include areas from surrounding electorates, such as Bradfield. An improved solution would be for boundary of the electorate of North Sydney to move in a north westerly direction to Chatswood as set out in the Suggestion 22 from Kylea Tink MP and an outer metropolitan division with a less established tradition, be abolished instead, with its electors shared amongst surrounding electorates.
- The boundaries of the division of Mackellar could logically be moved to the west into St Ives and Berowra, and east to include the area around Hornsby.

I write in support of Option A as set out in Suggestion 42 by Zali Steggall MP to maintain the northern boundaries of the Warringah electorate and minimise the impact on North Sydney by pushing the south/western boundaries of the division of Warringah to the Warringah Freeway only.

As a resident of Manly for many decades, I am concerned that suggestions which propose to abolish either Warringah or North Sydney have politically motivated overtones rather than a focus on diversity in community representation and an awareness of the importance of coherence in keeping together existing communities with similar interests and identifiable geographical features.

The divisions of North Sydney and Warringah are engaged and politically active communities, which have significantly helped shape and broaden the scope of politics since the 2019 and 2022 Federal Elections. In so doing, they have encouraged more active engagement by voters, which can only contribute to strengthening of Australia's democracy. The composition of the House of Representatives must accurately reflect the Australian population in matters of gender equality and diversity.

I am concerned that the current AEC proposal includes the abolition of two electorates represented by women, which does not align with principles of social diversity. I therefore do not support the proposals to abolish either of the two divisions of Warringah or North Sydney.

I respectfully submit that the proposed boundaries changes as listed in this submission deliver a better boundary redistribution, accommodate the differing rates of population growth and decline across New South Wales. These changes also keep together and improve representation of existing communities that share common interests.

Kind regards,

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