



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 585

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To: The Australian Electoral Commission (Attn: NSW Redistribution Secretariat)

Dear Sir or Madam,

My husband and I moved to North Epping and the Bennelong Electorate in 2005. Bennelong has a natural geographic boundary for Epping and North Epping residents – we see ourselves as very much of the community of suburbs now contained in Bennelong – North of Sydney Harbour from Epping/North Epping through to Macquarie Park, Eastwood, Meadowbank, Ryde, Putney and Gladesville. That's where we shop and find our medical and other services, and we have also had reason to engage with our local Members of Parliament – previously John Alexander and now Jerome Laxale.

We strongly disagree with the AEC's proposal to excise Epping and North Epping from Bennelong and associate us with Berowra. We have no sense of community with the proposed Berowra electorate area, which extends north of us up to the Hawkesbury River.

We are also members of the Epping RSL sub-Branch (my husband served in the Regular Army and Army Reserve and has deployed on numerous operations), and have been fortunate to have Bennelong member Members of Parliament strongly participate in our ANZAC Day and other commemorative activities. Removing Epping and North Epping from Bennelong and placing it at the extreme south of Berowra is almost certain to result in the local member focusing on his or her constituents in the centres of Hornsby, Castle Hill, and the remainder of the Hills District. It is most unlikely that he or she will be seen at our commemorations.

If this proposed distribution proceeds, Epping and North Epping will be orphaned from their strong local communities and lack the strong representation that we have enjoyed from previous Members of Parliament Bennelong.

Please reconsider the redistribution of electoral boundaries and leave us in Bennelong.

Sincerely,

(Electronically signed)

Alison Hoare