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NSW Electoral Redistribution - Bennelong electorate


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The Australian Electoral Commission (Attn: NSW Redistribution Secretariat)
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To whom it may concern,

I write to express my objection to the proposed boundary changes of the Bennelong electorate. I am strongly opposed to moving Epping from Bennelong, and adding it into the Berowra seat.

I am a resident of North Ryde but as a candidate in previous elections I have spent a lot of time engaging with individuals and groups across the Bennelong electorate. The neighbouring community of Eastwood shares strong links with Epping. This area has a particular recognisable cultural identity that is highly valued by individuals as well as political representatives.

If the suburb of Epping is to move to a different electorate with a different Member of Parliament, it would diminish its political representation because existing, long-standing and valued community groupings and linkages would be split. It would curtail the area's ability to maintain its neighbourhood links, for example through grants and government supported events.

I would also argue that the inner Sydney suburbs of Greenwich and Longueville are physically and socially distant from Bennelong, which has been a 'Ryde' seat and a "river" seat for many decades. These harbourside suburbs share many more community links with Willoughby and/or Warringah.

I hope you will consider this objection.

Kind regards,
Lyndal Howison