



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 725

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To: The AEC Redistribution Committee

This submission is written to object to the proposal to take northern areas from the division of Warringah, in particular north Curl Curl, and the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney in the NSW federal redistribution.

As an alternative I support:

- * Keeping the divisions of Warringah and North Sydney
- * Moving the boundaries of the division of North Sydney in a northerly direction and allowing the surrounding electorates to assume the required number of voters from Bradfield.
- * Moving the boundaries of the division of Mackellar westward into St Ives and Berowra to move east to include the area around Hornsby.
- * This move will allow the areas around Killarney Heights and Forestville, Dee Why and North Curl Curl to continue the strong links they share with communities within Warringah and remain in the division.
- * On the Lower North Shore expand Warringah into the North Sydney LGA up to the eastern side of the Warringah Freeway, including the whole of Kirribilli, areas of Neutral Bay not already part of the division, North Cremorne and Cammeray.

I support 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.

Both the divisions of North Sydney and Warringah are engaged and politically active communities that have helped shape the political landscape in the 2019 and 2022 Federal Elections. These engaged communities are critical and will help grow the interest and debate and improve representation of existing communities of interest.

It is imperative that the composition of the House of Representatives accurately reflects the Australian population and upholds principles of gender equality and diversity. Of concern is the fact that the current AEC proposal includes the abolition of two electorates represented by women which does not align with the diversity of our society.

I strongly object to the consideration for abolition of the divisions of Warringah or North Sydney.

In respect to North Sydney I consider an improved solution would be for the boundary of the electorate of North Sydney to move in a north westerly direction to Chatswood as set out in Suggestion 22 by Kylea Tink MP and an outer metropolitan division be abolished instead and its electors shared amongst surrounding electorates.

As a community member residing in Kurraba Point 2089 I am concerned that the suggestions proposing the abolition of either Warringah or North Sydney are politically motivated rather than focussed on accommodating expected growth, keeping together or improving representation of existing communities of interest and the use of readily identifiable features.

I submit that this proposal delivers a better boundary redistribution, accommodates the differing rates of growth and decline across New South Wales, keeps together and improves representation of existing communities of interest and uses strong and readily identifiable features as electoral boundaries to the extent possible.

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