



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Comment on suggestion 15

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Att: Australian Electoral Commission - Redistribution Comment

After reading through all of the suggestions on NSW Redistribution changes, it is evident that 2 seats in North Sydney must be axed and replaced by a newly created seat in western Sydney. The seat that many are suggesting to be axed and makes sense due to quota and geographical location is the seat of Warringah. I totally agree with this suggestion, and would also contemplate the notion of axing a second seat in north Sydney such as Berowra, to make way for the creation of a new western Sydney seat. The new seat should be placed somewhere around Blacktown and the surrounding areas. The suggestion made by Damien Ferri about placing this new seat in an area that encompasses this city, making up the working class suburbs of Blacktown as well as all the surrounding areas of Mount Druitt etc, makes a lot of sense. I also like the name suggestion 'Druitt' for the new seat, as it comes from the actual name origins of the Mount Druitt area, the place that the seat is largely centred around. The name 'Blacktown' is already used as a NSW State Electorate seat. Of all changes that need to be made in the boundary shifts, we really need to balance the current quotas, by reducing the seats in the areas where population growth is low and creating new seats where the population growth is high. Many of the other suggestions didn't seem to balance the quotas very well, and are simply all over the place. Most suggestions seem to be done with an angle of political bias, rather than to show respect for historical, geographical, demographical, and population data. The Nationals wanting to axe Grayndler, and the Labor Party wanting to axe Hughes, just proves this. Suggestions that don't make any sense and denigrate the history and geography of regions, simply done out of bias. To be expected but nevertheless something that needs pointing out. The seats of Newcastle/Central Coast need to remain in those areas, and likewise the Illawarra seats need to stay within the regional boundaries also. This is backed by the proposals from Ben Last, Jeff Waddell, and Damien Ferri. This is the integrity that is needed and there are thankfully some submissions that respect all of these regions enough to not make them extend into Sydney.

Regards

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