



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Suggestion 6

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I am writing to provide detailed suggestions and insights regarding the ongoing electorate redistribution process. As a concerned citizen deeply invested in the democratic representation of our society, I believe it is vital to ensure that our electoral boundaries are fair, equitable, and accurately reflect both the population and geographical considerations. In this letter, I will delve into each proposal in depth, presenting a comprehensive analysis for your careful consideration.

1. Electorate of Parramatta - Rename to Burramatta:

The proposed retention of the existing boundaries for the electorate of Parramatta, with a renaming to Burramatta, is a commendable suggestion. Renaming the electorate after its traditional name, "Burramatta," pays homage to the rich indigenous history and culture of the region. It acknowledges the significance of preserving and honouring the traditional names and heritage associated with the land, aligning with broader efforts to foster cultural understanding and respect.

The name "Burramatta" is deeply rooted in the local Darug language, reflecting the region's indigenous heritage. It symbolises a meaningful step towards acknowledging and valuing the diverse cultures that have shaped our nation. This change would not only celebrate the cultural identity of the region but also promote a sense of inclusivity and unity among the populace.

2. Electorate of Sydney - Exclusion of Lord Howe Island and Redistribution to Cowper:

Geographic accuracy in electoral boundaries is of paramount importance to ensure effective representation. The suggestion to exclude Lord Howe Island from the electorate of Sydney and redistribute it to Cowper is a rational proposal that aligns with the principles of geographic coherency. Lord Howe Island, located at a considerable distance from the mainland, has unique geographical and demographic characteristics that necessitate separate representation.

The incorporation of Lord Howe Island into the Cowper electorate would establish a more coherent and geographically sound electoral boundary. It would facilitate better representation for the residents of Lord Howe Island, addressing their specific needs and concerns more effectively. Moreover, this adjustment would streamline electoral boundaries, fostering a more accurate representation of the diverse geographical areas within New South Wales.

3. Redistribution of Cook for Even Population in Banks, Barton, and Hughes:

Population distribution is a key factor in determining electoral boundaries. The proposal to redistribute the Cook electorate to achieve a more even population distribution across Banks, Barton, and Hughes is a logical and necessary step. Ensuring a balanced representation of constituents is fundamental to a functioning democratic system.

The redistribution of the Cook electorate would address the population disparities, enabling a more equitable allocation of representation. By reallocating constituents to Banks, Barton, and Hughes, we can enhance the democratic process by ensuring that each member of parliament represents a comparable number of citizens. This adjustment would contribute to a fair and representative electoral system, fulfilling the principles of democracy.

These suggestions are presented with the utmost consideration for a fair and just electoral redistribution process. They are aimed at fostering inclusivity, preserving cultural heritage, ensuring

geographic coherence, and achieving equitable population distribution. I trust that these proposals will be thoroughly evaluated and given the attention they deserve during the ongoing electorate redistribution process.

Thank you for your dedication to upholding the democratic values that are the cornerstone of our great nation.

Sincerely,

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