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Hello,

I wish to make a suggestion for the 2023-24 New South Wales Redistribution. My suggestion relates to abolishing divisions.

Although contentious, I suggest abolishing the division of North Sydney. This is contentious, as the division has existed continuously since Federation, and I know of objectives being to preserve such divisions in all redistributions. However, I see no reason why there should be divisions named Sydney and North Sydney. Admittedly, at Federation there were divisions with the "Sydney" name which were with compass points - meaning North Sydney and West Sydney and so on. But as those other divisions gradually disappeared, North Sydney remained. Now, despite being a Federation seat, I feel that North Sydney should go.

To achieve this, I suggest that Warringah and Bradfield and Bennelong be expanded to take in the remnants of North Sydney. Indeed shifting Bradfield in a southerly direction could, potentially, enable that division to take in the area where the northern part of the Sydney Harbour Bridge stands - and this would be appropriate as Bradfield is named after the individual behind the bridge.

There are other divisions which should, I feel, be either abolished or renamed. I nominate Blaxland, Cunningham, Dobell, and Lindsay as the divisions. I really see no reason for having the latter three divisions, and Blaxland is contentious because of the character after whom it is named. However, the description of that character does not imply that the character was really the leader, or the big face, of any expeditions in the early history of this country. As such, I see little reason for having that division.

I recommend the above suggestion for the 2023-24 New South Wales Redistribution.

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