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# Comment on objections 64

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## **Comment on Objection 671 from Zali Steggall, Member for Warringah**

As an elector in Warringah who has lived here on the Northern Beaches for more than 35 years I would like to support the objection and alternative solution to the redistribution outlined by Zali Steggall, my Federal Member of Parliament, (and by extension, the proposal put forward by the Member for North Sydney, Kylea Tink).

I have already raised my own objection to the proposed changes to the north-eastern and north- western boundaries of the Warringah Division (OB321). I support the retention of these existing communities of interest, including the extension of the north-eastern boundary to the south side of Dee Why Lagoon, linking those parts of Dee Why and Curl Curl together, and aligning with the State electoral boundary.

It was the Liberal and National parties which proposed abolishing Warringah and North Sydney respectively. It is perhaps no coincidence that each of these electorates are currently represented by female Independents. These Federal Members have been supported by and elected by their communities. In the electorate of Warringah there are almost 1500 volunteers who are actively participating in the democratic process. This grass-roots activity exists right across Warringah (and is echoed in North Sydney). The AEC's proposal abolishes North Sydney, removes part of Warringah's community, and introduces people to Warringah who are not at this stage part of this shared community of interest. The Australian Electoral Commission exists to protect our democratic system by ensuring that everyone's vote counts equally. As such, the enthusiasm for participatory democracy in Warringah (and North Sydney) should be supported, rather than fragmented.

Please take into consideration the wishes of the community in these electorates and do not amend the boundaries of Warringah as in the AEC proposal, and do not abolish North Sydney, but rather amend boundaries between Divisions as per the proposals put forward by Zali Steggall and Kylea Tink.

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