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Comment on suggestion 21

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Submission to AEC in support of maintaining Warringah as a division/seat for NSW Federal Government

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Dear Sirs,

I write with respect to the decision that NSW must lose one seat of representation at the next Federal Election and advise that I am in strong support for keeping Warringah.

I have lived in this electorate for 24 years and can speak to the sense of community that exists within its borders.

I understand that currently Warringah needs to grow by 23,000 voters. I see that it would be in keeping with the nature of this electorate, if we were to add Dee Why, Kirribilli, the rest of Neutral Bay and Cremorne and Cammeray to this electorate. In this you will see that I completely endorse the submission our Federal MP Zali Steggall (Submission/Suggestion 42)(Option A)

1. Warringah has been a division since 1922.

Through the various changes to this division we have seen areas be added or removed from the electorate. Prior to 1949 it included areas now

in the electorates of Mackellar and North Sydney. Reclaiming these would enable Warringah to meet the criteria now required for it to continue as a division. Today the electorate currently represents the people of Neutral Bay, Mosman, Cremorne South and Cremorne Point, Manly, Queenscliff, Seaforth, Clontarf, Fairlight, Balgowlah, Manly Vale, Brookvale, Harbord, Curl Curl, Allambie Heights, Killarney Heights, Dee Why (part) Forestville (part) and Frenchs Forest (part).

1.a It makes perfect sense to me include the balance of Dee Why not currently in Warringah into this division. This area forms part of the NSW Electorate of Manly and is part of the Northern Beaches Council LGA. Currently it is included in Mackellar but by including it in Warringah, it would unify DeeWhy electorally in a way that mirrors the daily lives of Dee Why's residents. (included in Zali Steggals submission in both her Option A and Option B)

1.b It also makes good sense to include within Warringah Division, the suburbs of Kirribilli, those areas of Neutral Bay not already included, North Cremorne and Cammeray. Warringah Freeway is a strong physical boundary. The addition of these areas would combine geographic and economic area of the Lower North Shore east of Warringah

into one division-and one community. The additional areas have similar demographics and general amenity to other areas of the Lower North Shore in the division, including Mosman, Cremorne South and Neutral Bay. This proposal erases the somewhat artificial dividing line between the south and north of Military Road whereby the south side is in Warringah and the north side is in the division of North Sydney.. The proposed additions would result in the catchment area of Neutral Bay Public School, Mosman High School, and Middle Harbour Public School being wholly within the division and parts of the catchments of Anzac Park Public, North Sydney Public, Cammeray Public Schools and Cammeraygal High School being within the division. (included in Zali Steggals's option A)

Regarding other submissions(suggestions) which would impact on the future of Warringah, I would like to comment as follows:-

a.Sophie Scamps' submission(Suggestion 55)

- We would lose Manly Selective High School which cuts off the school from its clear links to Manly, and other associated schools of the Northern Beaches Campus such as Balgowlah Boys, Mackellar Girls and Freshwater High that are all in Warringah.

- Also North Curl Curl community and Dee Why have much closer links in business, community, transport to Manly and the Southern end of peninsula than Mackellar which goes all the way to Palm Beach and west to Ingleside.
- A move into St Yves and Bradfield by Mackellar makes much more sense as it already has a community of interest in its western area, more 'rural' with Ingleside and Terrey Hills. Sophie's description of Mackellar as just being a beaches community does not reflect that proportion of the electorate, and in the past she has used the tag line "The Beaches and The Forest". Strong argument for Mackellar to expand west.
- Zali's submission to expand north and take all of Dee Why aligns with the boundary of the State Seat of Manly.

b. Kylea Tink's submission(Suggestion22)

- The Lower North Shore suburbs she wants to take from Warringah have close links to Mosman, in terms of transport, schools, shops and beaches
- Warringah already has two Sydney Harbour Federation Trust sites - North Head Sanctuary and Middle Head - and would then include a third site: Sub Base Platypus
- Zali's Option B – mostly aligns with boundary of the State Seat of the Lower North Shore

c.Liberal Party's submission(Suggestion 47)

- Warringah is one of the old traditional seats and has always included Manly and Mosman as the commercial and community hubs.
- Warringah is also one of 24 divisions named after an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person or word.
- Until the Liberal Party lost this electorate to an Independent, it had been regarded as the crown in the jewel of Liberal electorates. To now suggest Warringah should cease to exist is an exercise in cynicism and speaks to how little regard the Liberal party have for the people of Warringah, their interests and needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission/suggestion.

Yours Faithfully

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