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# Comment on suggestion 59

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## Comment on proposed electoral redistribution – Warringah

1. I do not favour abolition of the seat of Warringah or changing the name to a non-aboriginal name. I am proud to be a voter registered in a seat with an aboriginal name, and feel this helps recognise indigenous custodians' connection to country.
2. I favour the use of major geographical features (natural or man-made) to delineate electorates in general and Warringah in particular.
3. The aptly-named Warringah Freeway forms a very imposing geographical feature, and I think differently about land to its west and to its east, feeling that land and community to its east are very connected with the lower north shore and northern beaches communities.
4. To the west of this freeway, the community connection significantly decreases. In fact, the main connections between the two zones, other than local streets in Kirribilli, Cammeray and Milsons Point, are Falcon Street and Ernest Street. These two arteries are:
  - a. Severely clogged, presenting mental and actual barriers to navigation
  - b. Purely functional as they cross the freeway
  - c. Not seen by me or my family as community connectors, but rather serving a purely A to B utilitarian purpose.
5. I therefore consider the freeway to constitute a significant delineation and barrier between what I consider to be 'local community' and 'greater Sydney'. Any inclusion of populations from the west of this feature into the Warringah electorate would be arbitrary, and would create non-sensical separations within those communities to the west.
6. The logical conclusion for me is therefore to favour suggestion 42A as the least arbitrary and most community-minded option.