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# Objection 14

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To the Australian Electoral Commission,

Regarding the proposed change to electoral boundaries.

As an Epping resident, I believe that the current proposal to move Epping from Bennelong into the Berowra electoral division is unwise.

There is a stark difference in demographics between Epping and areas further north such as Berowra. This means that there are different needs amongst the community, including those of migrants.

The 2021 census showed that in the Bennelong division, 28.8% of residents had Chinese Heritage, 16.2% English and 15.5% Australian. Conversely, 29.9% English, 26.6% Australian and 15% Chinese. Essentially, there were almost half as many people of Chinese ancestry in Bennelong compared to Berowra, and twice as many people of English and Australian ancestry in Berowra compared to Bennelong.

I fear that moving Epping into the Berowra electoral division will mean the unique needs of this multicultural community will be overlooked.

I am not against the overall idea of changing boundaries. However, for the Epping community I think it would be more beneficial to remain in an electoral division with a similar demographic. Further, I believe that Bennelong is the best option, as the community may still be overlooked if it were to be on the edge of a large electoral division such as Parramatta.

Whilst I am not as knowledgeable on the issue at hand as I would like to be, I hope that the demographics and needs of the communities involved in the proposed boundary changes will be taken into consideration.