



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 124

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Dear Members of the Augmented Electoral Commission,

I would like to make a couple of comments about the proposed redistribution of New South Wales, particularly as it affects the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

Banks

I express my strong support for the committee's proposal to adjust the northern boundary of the Division of Banks.

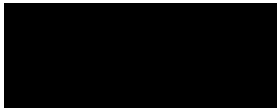
As a local government councillor for Revesby Ward, I have long felt the current federal electoral boundary along the motorway to be unsatisfactory. It divides the suburbs of Revesby and Padstow and cuts off the suburb of Milperra from its broader community. The proposal to move the boundary to Milperra Rd and Canterbury Rd aligns more closely with suburban boundaries and communities of interest. The proposed boundary runs through an industrial precinct, making it a more obvious separator between residents north and south.

Blaxland and Watson

Basing the divisions of Blaxland and Watson primarily on the City of Cumberland LGA and the Canterbury-to-Bankstown suburban corridor respectively makes sense. However, the proposed boundary unfortunately splits Yagoona town centre. I suggest continuing the proposed Brunner Rd boundary along Ferrier Rd west to Rose St (3322 current voters; 3773 projected) and transferring Watson's share of Cumberland LGA (3114 current voters; 3597 projected) to Blaxland. This would place nearly all of Yagoona in the Division of Watson and leave Lidcombe split between two divisions instead of three.

I hope my input is of some assistance.

Yours Faithfully,



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