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# Objection 135

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We object to the electoral boundary changes which propose the abolition of the electorate of North Sydney.

More than anything else, our electoral boundaries should reflect the communities in which we live. The resulting boundaries would then include local communities with common interests and concerns.

In the current electorate of Warringah, the SARs of Mosman North and Mosman South have been included with what is a distinct “peninsular” community running from Manly in the south extending north along the Northern Beaches, broadly reflected by the Northern Beaches Council area.

The only road connection between the SARs of Mosman North and Mosman South with the SARs of Balgowlah-Clontarf-Seaford and Manly-Fairlight is the Spit Bridge. Not only is this bridge closed several times day, at most other times it is a traffic choke point, compared to the Roseville Bridge further north which is a six-lane road. The Spit Bridge represents an effective barrier to any significant social nexus between these communities.

The proposed electoral redistribution now seeks to compound this situation by adding the SARs of Cremorne-Cammeray, Neutral Bay-Kirribilli and Crows Nest-Waverton to the southern tip of the peninsular community.

It makes no sense. There is no nexus between these distinct communities.

As residents of North Cremorne (within the SAR Cremorne-Cammeray),

- We live in the North Sydney Council area
- We shop in Chatswood, and almost never at Warringah Mall
- Our GP is in Chatswood
- We eat out in Neutral Bay, Cremorne, North Sydney and Willoughby. It would not occur to us to cross the Spit Bridge to eat out in Fairlight or Manly, for example.

On this basis, in our view the distribution of the electoral boundaries in the Lower North Shore ought to take as its starting point the significant natural geographical boundary represented by Middle Harbour, and acknowledge that the SARs of Balgowlah-Clontarf-Seaford and Manly-Fairlight, already part of the Northern Beaches Council, have a lot more in common with the southern communities of the electorate of Mackellar than the eastern communities of the electorate of North Sydney.

Having recognised that, the electorate of North Sydney - ideally renamed Cammeraygal - would reach its required population mass by including the SARs of Mosman North and South; the electorate of Warringah would then instead be abolished, with the communities at the southern end of the peninsular included in with Mackellar, which would lose some of its Western or northern communities, perhaps the SAR of Forestville-Killarney, to Bradfield.