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Objection 321

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Objection to proposed changes to electoral boundaries of Warringah Division due to the redistribution process.

The aim of the redistribution is to endeavour to ensure that the number of electors in the proposed divisions are within a range of 3.5% above or below the projected enrolment quota. Secondly, redistribution proposals need to recognise communities of interest, means of communication and travel, clearly identifiable physical features, existing boundaries, and area.

My objection relates to the proposed north-eastern boundary in the east between Warringah and Mackellar, and to the proposed north-western boundary south of Warringah Road.

In the east the redistribution proposed separates Curl Curl from North Curl Curl and eliminates Dee Why from Warringah. In the west the redistribution proposal separates communities south of Warringah Road from the rest of Warringah.

North east

At present Dee Why is divided between Warringah and Mackellar, with the boundary line to the north being Pacific Parade. This is confusing, as Pacific Parade is a minor road, and a portion of Dee Why is separated from the rest of the suburb and its community of interest, resulting in an unclear division between the two electorates. This part of Dee Why east of Pittwater Road is an important commercial hub which also has medium to high density dwellings, meaning that there is a strong community of interest, where people live, shop and work in this very busy area.

Additionally, the proposed electorate boundaries do not align with the State boundary of the Manly electorate. Should the northern boundary be extended to Dee Why Lagoon, boundaries at both State and Federal level would align. This would also provide increased clarity for electors in the area, some of whom are confused about which electorate they belong to.

Therefore it would make more sense to align the north-eastern boundary of Warringah with Dee Why lagoon rather than Curl Curl lagoon, thus keeping that part of Curl Curl/Dee Why east of Pittwater Road together and in Warringah, where it was since 2000, instead of the AEC proposal which splits Curl Curl between Warringah and Mackellar and eliminates Dee Why. Assuming that current Dee Why and Curl Curl electors are retained in Warringah, (along with current Forestville and Killarney Heights electors) this extension would add a projected 4,797 electors to the Warringah Division.

North west

Warringah Division currently includes Killarney Heights, Frenchs Forest and Forestville, which are, like the rest of the Warringah Division, to the south of the strong and readily identifiable man-made boundary of Warringah Road. These communities have strong links with other parts of the Warringah Division and should remain within it, as they have been since 1992.

Implications

Retaining Forestville, Killarney Heights and Frenchs Forest south of Warringah Road plus extending the north-eastern boundary to Dee Why Lagoon would still keep the projected (by 10-4-2028) totals for each Division within the target range. This would mean that Warringah's total in April 2028 would then be just above the projected enrolment quota and Mackellar's just below it, whereas the AEC's current proposal would see Mackellar just below the *maximum* quota and Warringah just above the *minimum*. Therefore, keeping the existing north-western boundary stable and extending the north-eastern boundary slightly results in a more equitable arrangement between the two electorates of Warringah and Mackellar.

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