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Objection 358

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Objection to Proposed Redistribution of Bennelong Boundaries – Epping to Berowra

We have been living in Epping, north of Carlingford Road and south of the M2, for over 30 years. Our children have grown up here.

Our objection is based on the following reasons:

1. This area has been part of the Federal electorate of Bennelong since the 1970s. It has more affinities and commonalities with neighbouring Eastwood, Carlingford East and Marsfield than with Berowra up north. Plenty of Epping residents regularly travel to, shop and dine in Eastwood and Carlingford. The Epping community has long and strong social and regional interests in and cultural ties with Eastwood. We participate in activities organised by religious, ethnic and other community associations based in Eastwood. Many have joined membership of these associations. We enjoy Granny Smith festivities as well as other community events taking place in Eastwood. On the other hand, such common and strong interests and ties do not exist with Berowra.
2. Epping itself is a State seat embracing, inter alia, the suburbs of Epping and Carlingford, but does not extend far to Berowra.
3. Splitting Epping into two federal electorates will be inconsistent with and defeat single-seat representation of the suburb at the federal level.
4. This area forms part of the City of Parramatta Local Government Area. Moving this part of Epping to Berowra will split Epping into different electorates across the three levels of government.
5. We prefer to stay with Bennelong. If our part of Epping is to be removed from Bennelong, it would be more logical to be moved to the Federal electorate of Parramatta, like west of Midson Road.

Please consider the above-mentioned factors before deciding on the proposed redistribution,

I am lodging this objection for our household of 4 voters, Bianca, Ann and Andrew.

Regards,

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