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Objection 535

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Objection to Proposed Redistribution in NSW

We are pleased to see that the proposal retains the seat of Warringah. As set out in our original submission there is a strong community of interest within the various areas of the Warringah electorate.

However we are concerned about the proposal to abolish the North Sydney electorate. While we currently reside in the Warringah electorate, we previously resided in Greenwich, within the North Sydney electorate and the Lane Cove LGA.

We are therefore aware of the strong community of interest between the areas within the Lane Cove LGA and the Chatswood/Willoughby area. Many people in the Lane Cove LGA work, attend school, shop and attend community and cultural activities in Chatswood. Indeed prior to our retirement, one of us worked in the Chatswood area and the other ran a small business in the Chatswood CBD. Many children from the Lane Cove LGA also attend school or participate in community sporting activities in Chatswood and Willoughby.

By contrast there is no community of interest between the Lane Cove LGA and areas to the west, such as Ryde, Meadowbank, Gladesville etc.

We believe that an alternative solution that better recognises existing communities of interest and retains both the Warringah and North Sydney electorates exists along the lines of that set out in option A of suggestion 42 by Zali Steggal MP and Suggestion 22 from Kylea Tink MP.

As a further observation, we note that the composition of the federal parliament is far from representative of the Australian population in gender, ethnicity or age profile. In particular women are still substantially under represented, and older white men are substantially over represented. It is therefore unfortunate that the committee has chosen to abolish an electorate held by a relatively young and successful female member who has a good record of representing the views of the community she represents.

Regards

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