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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 578

Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

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Dear Commissioners

## REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

The NSW Division of the Liberal Party of Australia has studied your proposal for this State released on 14 June 2024 with interest.

Your detailed report clearly outlines the approach you have taken to the dual challenges of taking into consideration differential enrolment growth around the State while meeting your responsibility to have regard to the statutory criteria in the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

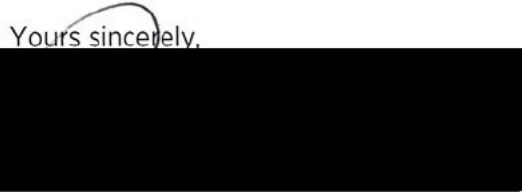
As you have found, the options are quite limited given key constraints. You have identified natural boundaries (the Great Dividing Range, Sydney Harbour and the Hawkesbury River) that are highly persuasive in your reasoning process. You have also nominated certain physical features in urban areas (major roads, railway lines and waterways) along with Council boundaries in regional areas that you have preferenced as readily recognisable boundaries in the community.

While there are specific outcomes where we would have chosen differently, the reasons for the choices you have made can be easily understood and were often unavoidable. Indeed in relation to one such decision, you described the option chosen as a “necessary step”.

**Therefore, we will not be lodging any objections to your first proposal.**

However, after examining any substantive objections lodged by any other party or person to the boundaries of one or more proposed divisions, we reserve the right to make detailed comments on those objections during the next stage of the redistribution process, including the option of suggesting a variation on any alternative boundaries advanced in the Comments we lodge. We would also request a right to be heard at any public hearing on any Comments we lodge in relation to any objections, including comments we may wish to make in support of the Commissioners’ first proposal.

Yours sincerely,

  
Richard Shields  
State Director