



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 591

Anonymous 27

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Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Objection to the proposed boundaries of Bennelong

To the Australian Electoral Commission,

I writing to formally object the proposal to remove Epping, Carlingford and North Epping from Bennelong and to redistribute them between the Parramatta and Berowra electorates.

Epping and North Epping has been part of Bennelong for more than 20 years. It has become part of Bennelong's identity. Epping is facing numerous challenges such as increasing population, traffic, environmental, education and public transportation needs. It is vital that Epping is represented in one electorate, so it receives the attention it deserves. As a result, Epping and North Epping could be overlooked by Members of both Parramatta and Berowra.

Epping and Eastwood are commercially linked. Residents of Epping travel to Eastwood for grocery shopping, tutoring and essential social activities. Epping station serves as a transportation hub for North Ryde, Macquarie centre, Macquarie Business park and Macquarie University. Furthermore, Carlingford has many schools which residents of Eastwood, Epping and North Epping attend.

Finally, Epping, North Epping and Carlingford is home to various multicultural communities, seniors, young people and professionals. They all have specific needs. Dividing these suburbs into separate electorates could fragment their local representation.

I recommend you reconsider the proposed electorate changes and retain Epping, Carlingford and North Epping within the Bennelong electorate.

Thank you for your consideration.