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Objection to Bennelong Boundary Change

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Although I believe the change is inevitable, and objection will be useless, I have decided on the last day to have my objection to the proposed Boundary Change counted.

The change splits Epping and moves Epping Town Centre from Bennelong into Berowra.

Epping as part of Bennelong has had excellent federal representation from first a Liberal and now a Labour Representative who have understood our culturally diverse area plus maintained a local electoral office responsive to concerns.

Experience of neglect, when Epping was part of the Local Government Area of Hornsby, has shown us the impacts of a difference in concerns between the areas to the north of us in the seat of Berowra and our higher density local area.

The Berowra electorate will gain voters from the Epping Town Centre, but those voters will likely lose the value of their vote. The concerns of this culturally diverse cohort, many living in units rather than detached houses will differ from the key concerns of those in the less diverse and 'leafy' Berowra.

An MP for Berowra could not represent the voters of Epping Town Centre as well as an MP for Bennelong.