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Objection 631

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

This submission is to object to the proposal to take northern areas from the division of Warringah, in particular North Curl Curl and the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney in the NSW federal redistribution.

I am a proud Australian citizen of almost 40 years, born in the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland). As such, I value the democracy offered in our electoral system: compulsory voting with preferential distribution. Further I have been privileged to have resided in the Warringah electorate since 1977.

During this period I have experienced many community changes. Recently there has been a 'seismic shift' in the extent of community commitment, in my view stemming from the political movements which has reconnected our electoral (and I believe North Sydney) citizens with the democratic process, and in so doing their wider community

In the last 6 years there has been a palpable rise in social commitment; philanthropy; care about other less fortunate members of our community and above all increased participation in many community issues.

Yes, I appreciate that part of our democratic system is the fair size of electorates, but my view the Redistribution Committee has missed the important point of a functioning electorate, that is cohesiveness. We have been experiencing this so much more in recent times, both in Warringah and North Sydney. It is unfair and insensitive to ignore this important community asset.

The proposed boundary changes do not serve either of the affected communities well. I am aware that many people in this electorate can voice options and objections more eloquently than myself, but I am not sure if my stated fundamental society need has been loudly voiced.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to a more considerate and thoughtful outcome from your deliberations

Yours thoughtfully, Jane Barnes