



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 687

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Dear Electoral Commissioners,

I would like to object to the proposed borders of the electorates of Kingsford Smith and Wentworth. Further, I would like to propose more sensible boundaries for the two electorates.

In writing my objection, I make note of the requirements of s66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, which provides legislative guidelines as to the making of a proposed redistribution.

The electoral commission has proposed the following changes to the electorates of Kingsford Smith and Wentworth

- The electorate of Kingsford Smith gain territory south-west of Sydney Airport and the Cooks River from the electorates of Barton and Cook
- The electorate of Wentworth gain some of Coogee, the balance of Clovelly and some of Randwick from Kingsford Smith.
- The electorate of Wentworth gains territory part of the City of Sydney from the electorate of Sydney

I object in full to the first two changes I have outlined. I do not object to the third of these changes.

The redistribution splits many suburbs and communities that do not need to be split to meet the numerical requirements of s66(3)(a) and falls in breach of the community of interest and travel links requirements of s66(3)(b). The proposed seat of Kingsford Smith is very poor on s66(3)(b) grounds.

Considering s66(3)(b)(i), I do not believe there is any community of interest between the northern half of the Randwick LGA which looks to Randwick as its main centres and Ramsgate and Monterey which looks to Kogarah and Hurstville as their main centres. There is also no community of interest in splitting the suburb of Coogee between Kingsford Smith and Wentworth.

Considering s66(3)(b)(ii) and s66(3)(b)(iv), due consideration has not been taken as to the geographical constraint of Sydney Airport in this part of Sydney. There are very few easy travel links or communication links across Sydney Airport. There are few public transport links and no pedestrian links across the airport between the two parts of the proposed Kingsford Smith.

I believe that Kingsford Smith would be better constituted if it retains its existing northern border along Clovelly Road and gains the suburb of Rosebery from Sydney. This would avoid the split of the suburb of Coogee, a split which I am opposed to. This allows the seat of Kingsford Smith to remain as a clear South-Eastern Sydney electorate, meeting all the requirements of s66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

I support the electorate of Wentworth gaining territory in the City of Sydney such that it meets all the requirements of s66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918. To avoid the split of Coogee between two seats, it would be more optimal for Wentworth to gain Surry Hills from Sydney rather than gain part of Coogee from Kingsford Smith.

Under my proposal, all requirements of s66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 would be met.

The seats of Kingsford Smith and Wentworth would both fulfil the numerical requirements under s66(3)(a).

Further, my proposal would strengthen the s66(3)(b) requirements for not just Kingsford Smith and Wentworth but also the neighbouring electorates of Barton and Sydney.

The electorate of Barton would be a clear St George electorate, Kingsford Smith would be a clear South-Eastern Sydney electorate, Sydney would be a clear Inner City and Inner West electorate and Wentworth would be a clear Eastern Suburbs and Inner East electorate.

Kind Regards,

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