



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Suggestion 54

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Dear Commissioners,

This redistribution requires a complex solution to a complex set of problems. This submission does not seek to deal with all parts of the state that will need boundary adjustments. Instead, it seeks to provide some suggestions on the particularly complex situation that the commission faces in the Sydney region.

The key recommendations that I make to the commissioners

- The abolition of the seats of **North Sydney** and **Banks**
- The creation of a new seat in South West Sydney, known as **Walton**

Inner and Southern Sydney

The seat of **Banks** should be abolished. At present, the run of seats from **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth** on the coast, out to **Blaxland**, **Fowler** and **McMahon** in the South West, are all generally under quota. In particular, **Wentworth** is likely to be more than 20% under quota by 2028, with **Grayndler** likely to be close to 15% under quota by 2028.

The commissioners will need to start the redistribution by considering the seats of **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth**. Changes to these two seats will impact on the boundaries of all other seats to their west.

I propose that NO CHANGE be made to the border between **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth**. There is no strong border that can be drawn between these two seats. Moving the border either north or south presents no benefits in terms of bringing either seat within quota that cannot be achieved by moving their western boundaries. More generally, I would be strongly opposed to any moves to move the border between **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth** further south. If the commission finds that the current border needs to be moved, then the next most suitable border is the LGA boundary between Randwick and Waverley LGAs.

In order to bring **Kingsford Smith** within quota, I propose that it gain the locality of Rosebery from **Sydney**.

In order to bring **Wentworth** within quota, I propose that it gains the balance of the SA2s Potts Point – Woolloomooloo, Darlinghurst and the SA2 Surry Hills from **Sydney**.

As a result of the losses from **Sydney** to **Kingsford Smith** and **Wentworth**, **Sydney** must therefore gain territory from **Grayndler**. I propose that the SA2s of Balmain, Lilyfield – Rozelle, Annandale and the balance of the SA2 of Leichhardt east of Balmain Road be transferred from **Grayndler** to **Sydney**.

Grayndler needs to gain territory from both **Barton** and **Watson**. I propose that the SA2s of Marrickville South, Dulwich Hill – Lewisham, Canterbury (South), Earlwood, Kingsgrove (North) and the balance of Sydenham – Tempe – St Peters be transferred from **Barton** and **Grayndler**. I propose that the SA2s of Ashfield – South, Croydon Park – Enfield, Campsie – North and the balance of the SA2 of Canterbury (North) – Ashbury be transferred from

Watson to Grayndler. This would mean that the border between **Grayndler** and **Barton** is formed by Wollie Creek from the Cooks River to Kingsgrove Road, creating a clear geographical boundary between the two seats.

I am of the view that the seat of **Banks** should be spilt up between the seats that border it to the north, **Barton**, **Blaxland** and **Watson**. The territory currently in **Banks** which is located to the south-east side of the Illawarra Railway line should be transferred to **Barton**. This includes the SA2s of Oatley – Hurstville Grove, South Hurstville – Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay – Allawah – Carlton. The balance of **Banks** located within the Georges River LGA should be transferred to **Watson**. The territory located within **Banks** that is located within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA should be transferred to **Blaxland**. This is with the exception of those parts of the SA2s of Narwee - Beverly Hills and Riverwood located in located within **Banks** that is located within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA, which should be transferred to **Watson** to maintain continuity of seat borders between **Blaxland** and **Watson**.

All those parts of **Cook** north of the Georges River should be transferred to **Barton**. Every effort should be made to keep the seat of **Cook** south of the Georges River. **Cook** should gain territory from **Hughes**, which in turn can gain territory from **Cunningham** in order to keep **Cook** south of the Georges River. It is my view that no seat needs to cross the Georges River.

Northern Sydney

The seat of **North Sydney** should be abolished. At present, all seats on the Northern Beaches and North Shore of Sydney are all under quota. In addition, these areas are growing slower on average than the rest of the state. This makes the region the optimum place to abolish a seat.

It is my recommendation that the seat of **North Sydney** be spilt between **Bennelong**, **Bradfield** and **Warringah**. The parts of **North Sydney** located in the Lane Cove LGA should be transferred to the seat of **Bennelong**. The parts of **North Sydney** located in the Willoughby LGA should be transferred to the seat of **Bradfield**. The parts of **North Sydney** located in the North Sydney LGA should be transferred to the seat of **Warringah**.

To allow for these changes, there will need to be boundary changes for the seats of **Bennelong**, **Bradfield** and **Warringah**.

The current border between **Bradfield** and **Mackellar** is strong and should not be moved. All gains to **Mackellar** should be made from **Warringah**. The balance of SA2s Frenchs Forest - Oxford Falls and Forestville - Killarney Heights and SA2 Dee Why (South) - North Curl Curl should be transferred from **Warringah** to **Mackellar**.

The seat of **Berowra** will be able to gain territory from both **Bennelong** and **Bradfield**. The balance of the SA2s of Hornsby – East, Wahroonga (West) – Waitara and Normanhurst - Thornleigh – Westleigh should be transferred from **Bradfield** to **Berowra**. The commission should be at liberty to determine which other territory should be transferred to **Berowra**.

Changes in Northern Sydney will likely also have a flow on effect on seats in North West Sydney. The seats of **Greenway**, **Mitchell** and **Parramatta** will likely have to be moved east.

South West Sydney

This submission does not seek to provide detailed suggestions on electoral boundaries in South West Sydney.

The proposals set out for Inner and Southern Sydney and Northern Sydney in this submission necessitate the creation of a new seat within New South Wales to ensure that the total number of seats is 46. Population distribution and growth would suggest that this seat should be located within South West Sydney.

I propose that the new South West Sydney seat be named **Walton**, after Nancy-Bird Walton AO, OBE. Walton was a pioneering Australian aviator who was the youngest female pilot to gain a Commercial Pilot's Licence in the British Empire. She has been widely recognised for her contributions to Australian society, including having an airport and aircraft named after her, being invested as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1966 and being appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1990. This seat should include the new Western Sydney Airport, which has also been named in her honour.

Kind Regards,

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