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Redistribution Committee,

RE: Submission for the redistribution of the Division of Warringah

Please find below my submission for the redistribution of the Division of Warringah.

1. History of the Division

There has been a division named Warringah since 1922. Prior to 1949 it included areas now in the electorates of Mackellar and North Sydney.

Between 1949 and 1954 it included areas south of the Spit Bridge including Mosman, Cremorne, Cammeray, Neutral Bay, North Balgowlah and part of Balgowlah. In 1955, North Sydney and Balgowlah Heights were added, and Cammeray removed.

From 1968 the division lost the suburbs of Cremorne and Neutral Bay in the south, Manly to Curl Curl were added in the north. In 1977 Beacon Hill, Allambie Heights was added and in 1984, North Curl Curl. In 1992 the division grew to include Forestville, Killarney Heights and south Dee Why. In 2000 the division added north Dee Why. In 2006, East Killara, East Lindfield and Castle Cove were added and north Dee Why removed from the division. In 2009 the division lost East Killara, East Lindfield and Castle Cove and Cremorne and Neutral Bay added. In 2016 North Cremorne was removed from the division.

Since 1968 the core of the division has been the suburbs of Manly and Mosman, its two main commercial hubs and their surrounding areas.

Warringah is one of 24 current electoral divisions which is named using reference to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person or word. Warringah is believed to be an Aboriginal word meaning 'sign of rain', 'across the waves' or 'sea'.

2. The current Division

The electorate currently represents the people of Neutral Bay, Mosman, Cremorne South and Cremorne Point, Manly, Queenscliff, Seaforth, Clontarf, Fairlight, Balgowlah, Manly Vale, Brookvale, Harbord, Curl Curl, Allambie Heights, Killarney Heights, Dee Why (part) Forestville (part) and Frenchs Forest (part).

The western boundaries of the Division are defined by Middle Harbour, MacPherson Street, Military Road, Falcon Street, Bent Street, Forsyth Park, Montpelier Street, Eaton Street, Rawson Street, Kurraba Road and Anderson Park. The northern boundaries are formed by Warringah Road, Pittwater Road and Pacific Parade.

The division encompasses all of Mosman Council Local Government Area (LGA) and parts of the Northern Beaches and North Sydney LGA's.

The Division includes the major part of the New South Wales electorate of Manly, and substantial parts of the electorates of Wakehurst and North Shore.

3. Context for the proposed redistribution

We acknowledge that New South Wales will lose one seat in the next Federal Parliament. The quota for a division in this redistribution is 121,011 (5,566,489 (voters on the electoral roll) /46 (divisions) based on August 2023 NSW electoral enrolment data. The projected quota in NSW in April 2028 is 129,621.

We understand that the estimated enrolment in a proposed division may not depart from this quota for the redistribution by more than 10 per cent and in making the proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee is required, as far as practicable, to endeavour to ensure that, three years and six months after the redistribution (April 2028), the number of electors enrolled in each proposed electoral division in the State or Territory will be not less than 96.5% or more than 103.5% of the average projected divisional enrolment in the State. Subject to this requirement the Redistribution Committee will give due consideration, in relation to each proposed electoral division, to:

- community of interests within the proposed electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests;
- means of communication and travel within the proposed electoral division;
- the physical features and area of the proposed electoral division; and
- the boundaries of existing divisions in the State or Territory.

The current boundaries of Warringah are below the lower threshold for a quota. Warringah must acquire new electors. A similar issue exists with the adjoining divisions of Mackellar and North Sydney.

With the population centre of Sydney moving south west and Warringah being bounded on its east by the sea and south by Sydney Harbour the division must expand westwards to gain a quota of electors.

The most prominent natural features in Sydney are North Head and South Head. We suggest that these are clear starting points for the redistributions in the Sydney region and that Warringah containing North Head should be the first redistributed division to the north of Sydney Harbour and Wentworth containing South Head, should be the first to the south. From these divisions the redistributions should push north, south and west.

Our suggestions that follow satisfy the two quantitative thresholds and the qualitative considerations that the Redistribution Committee must address.

4. Proposed redistribution

Our submission provides for the boundary readjustments at the Northern and Southern end of the electorate offering two alternative suggestions to the Commissioners, one based on a significant man-made border to the west, the Warringah Freeway (Option A) and the other following the NSW State Government electoral boundaries for the seat of North Shore (Option B).

5. Northern boundary proposal (For inclusion in both Option A & Option B)

The northern end of the division should expand to add the area of Dee Why, east of Pittwater Road, not currently in the division. That area was added to the NSW Electorate of Manly at the last State Electoral boundary adjustment and is part of the Northern Beaches Council LGA.

Dee Why is currently divided between Warringah and Mackellar by Warringah Road, Pittwater Road and Pacific Parade. The boundary along Pacific Parade is on a minor road and currently leaves residents confused to which Federal Electorate they are in. Aligning the boundary with the Manly State Electorate along Pittwater Road may also assist in the location of polling places at state and federal elections and would minimize confusion amongst voters.

It is proposed that Warringah add areas on the southern and eastern side of Pittwater Road up to Dee Why Lagoon including SA1 12203169510, the statistical area immediately south of the Lagoon. The addition of the northern part of Dee Why is consistent with the concept of a “community of interests”. It unifies Dee Why, east of Pittwater Road, an area with its own distinct identity and an area where citizens congregate, shop, and send their children to school into one Federal Division. The southern shore of the Dee Why Lagoon forms a clear geographical boundary and is consistent with long established practice in delineating Divisional boundaries.

	Dee Why - currently in Warringah (AEC)	Dee Why proposed - currently in Mackellar (AEC)	Total
Current data (9/08/2023)	7,530	4,254	11,784
Projected data (10/04/2028)	8,254	4,797	13,051

6. Southern boundary proposals

A common feature of both southern boundary proposals, albeit in differing forms, is expansion into the North Sydney LGA. As shown in the table below North Sydney LGA and Mosman LGA share similar profiles in the age profile of residents, income and educational qualifications. The most marked difference is the larger share of residents in North Sydney of working age compared to Mosman.

Age Structure	Mosman (2021)	North Sydney (2021)
0-17	19.9%	14.5%
18-24	6.8%	6.1%
25-59	45.1	57.4%
60 and over	28.2%	22.0%
	100.0%	100.0%

Weekly Income	Mosman (2021)	North Sydney (2021)
0-\$1,499	47.9%	44.6%
\$1,500-\$1,999	11.0%	14.1%
Above \$2,000 or unstated	41.1%	41.3%
	100.0%	100.0%

Qualifications	Mosman (2021)	North Sydney (2016)
Bachelor or Higher	60.4%	53.5%
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	11.9%	9.8%
Vocational	7.8%	7.4%
No qualification or unstated	19.9%	29.3%
	100.0%	100.0%

7. Option A

a) **Expansion to the eastern side of the Warringah Freeway**

It is proposed that Warringah expand into the North Sydney LGA by the addition of the areas east of the Warringah Freeway, including the whole of Kirribilli, those areas of Neutral Bay not already part of the division, North Cremorne, and Cammeray.

The Warringah Freeway is a strong physical boundary. On the northern side the boundary of the division is formed by the southern side of Palmer Street as shown in SA1 12104141330, the northern line of SA1 12104141311 and the line through Tunks Park as it exists on SA1 12104141318 and SA1 12104141317.

The addition of these areas would combine geographical and economic areas of the Lower North Shore east of the Warringah Freeway into one division. The additional areas have similar demographics and general amenity to other areas of the Lower North Shore in the division including Mosman, Cremorne South and Neutral Bay. This proposal erases the somewhat artificial dividing line between the south and north of Military Road

whereby the south side is in Warringah and the north side is in the division of North Sydney. The road itself is the most significant transport artery in the Lower North Shore and to the other parts of the division including those north of the Spit Bridge. The road and its continuation across the Spit Bridge, and on to Pittwater Road, is the spine of the area with many retail businesses, professional offices, and other services on both sides. Residents, both north and south of Military Road, are one community of interest.

The proposed additions would result in the catchment area of Neutral Bay Public School, Mosman High School, and Middle Harbour Public School being wholly within the division and parts of the catchments of Anzac Park Public, North Sydney Public, Cammeray Public Schools and Cammeraygal High School being within the division.

Option A expands Warringah into areas of the North Sydney Council LGA. It adds Cammeray and North Cremorne that are part of the NSW state electorate of Willoughby and Kirribilli and Neutral Bay that are part of the NSW state electorate of North Shore.

b) Projected enrolment gain for Warringah under Option A

The following table shows that the proposed additional areas would result in the Division of Warringah being within both the current and projected enrolment threshold requirements as required.

	Warringah current boundary (AEC)	Dee Why (AEC)	Neutral Bay, Kirribilli, Cremorne / Cammeray (AEC)	Total	Quota (AEC)	Above/ Below quota
Current data (9/08/2023)	105,759	4,254	15,733	125,746	121,011	+3.91%
Projected data (10/04/2028)	105,958	4,797	15,424	126,179	129,621	-2.66%

8. Option B

a) Expansion following the NSW electoral boundaries of the seat of North Shore

In this alternative, it is proposed that the Warringah expand along the northern boundary of the NSW state electorate of North Shore until the intersection of Falcon Street with the Pacific Highway, follow the east side of Shirley Road, drop south along the western border of SA1 121041417 and follow the eastern side of the North Shore railway line, dropping south on the eastern side of Euroka Street and then follow the western side of SA1 12104141717 until it meets the mid-point of Sydney Harbour. The proposed boundary then follows eastward through Sydney Harbour to encompass McMahons Point, Lavender Bay, Milsons Point and Kirribilli until it meets the existing Division's line at mid-point of Sydney Harbour south of Neutral Bay.

The addition of these areas will add geographical and economic areas south of Military Road/Falcon Street. The additional areas have similar demographics and socio-economics to those of the current electorate in Mosman, Cremorne and Neutral Bay. The proposed expansion adds the major part of the western areas of the NSW electorate of North Shore and is wholly within the North Sydney LGA. This assists in developing a common approach to issues that affect those areas at a Local, State and Federal Level.

b) Projected enrolment gain for Warringah under Option B

The following table shows that the proposed additional areas would result in the Division of Warringah being within both the current and projected enrolment threshold requirements.

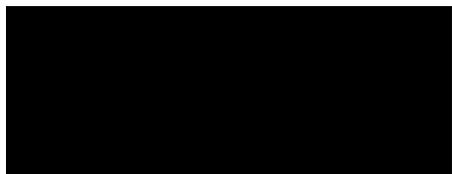
	Warringah current boundary (AEC)	Dee Why (AEC)	Neutral Bay, Kirribilli, North Sydney/Waverton/Wollstonecraft (AEC)	Total	Quota (AEC)	Above/Below quota
Current data (9/08/2023)	105,759	4,254	18,411	128,424	121,011	+6.13%
Projected data (10/04/2028)	105,958	4,797	18,058	128,813	129,621	-0.62%

Appendix

Option A - Map of Proposed Division of Warringah

Option B - Map of Proposed Division of Warringah

Yours sincerely,



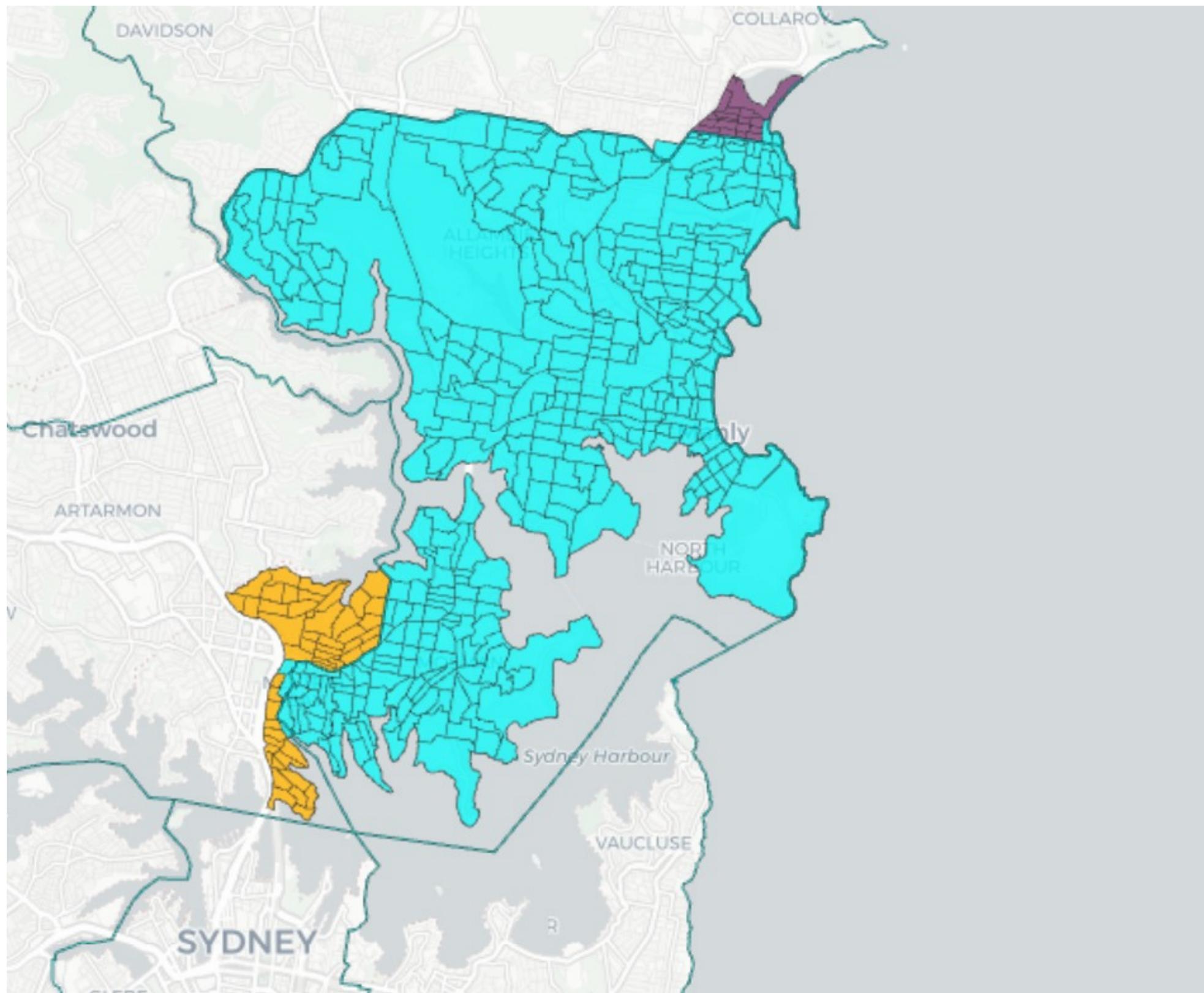
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OPTION A

Map of proposed Division of Warringah
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Division

-  WARRINGAH
-  NORTH SYDNEY
-  MACKELLAR
-  Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (2021)



OPTION B

Map of proposed Division of Warringah
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Division

-  WARRINGAH
-  NORTH SYDNEY
-  MACKELLAR
-  Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (2021)

