



Objection 12

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To whom it may concern,

While recognising the need to redistribute electoral divisions and in otherwise in favour of the geographical boundaries chosen, I am writing to lodge my opposition to the removal of the name of the electoral division of North Sydney and to propose that the electoral division of Warringah be renamed North Sydney. This is in order to retain the name of one of the so-called federation divisions.

I offer the following two points in support of my proposal regarding the renaming of Warringah:

- 1. The Australian Electoral Commission's guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions state that every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions. I believe the retention of the name of a federation division should be more important than the avoidance of geographical names stated elsewhere in the guidelines. Additionally, I believe it should be considered as a very strong reason to meet the criteria regarding the transfer of names to a new area.
- 2. Warringah is the electoral division that will incorporate the suburb of North Sydney. Although an historic division in and of itself, having first been contested in 1922, its name does not warrant the protecting that North Sydney's does.

Australia has a long and proud electoral history. Federation itself was an expression of the electoral will of our forefathers who voted in the various colonial referenda. If the name of the division of North Sydney is abolished, it means that fewer than half of the original 26 federal electoral divisions in New South Wales contested at every election since 1901 will exist. Furthermore, it will also mean that fewer than half of the 65 original federal divisions that existed in 1901 will continue to exist.

I humbly ask the Commission to give serious consideration to these points.

Yours sincerely,

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