



Objection 98

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To: Australian Electoral Commission

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Subject: Objection to the Berowra/Bennelong Redistribution Proposal

I am writing to express my strong objection to the Berowra proposal, which would see the Berowra electorate cross the M2 into the Epping Town Centre and change the Epping electorate from Bennelong to Berowra.

Firstly, there is a strong community of interest between Epping, Eastwood, and Marsfield, with a weaker link to the region north of the M2. Splitting the suburb of Epping across two federal electorates would therefore undermine the sense of community and shared identity that exists within Epping.

Secondly, the Berowra proposal would undo years of effort to maintain single-seat representation in the Epping Town Centre across all three levels of government. This has been a deliberate and conscious decision by successive governments to ensure that the Epping community has a strong and unified voice at all levels of government. The Berowra proposal would undermine this objective and make it more difficult for the Epping community to advocate for its needs and interests.

For the above reasons, I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reject the Berowra proposal.

Sincerely,

Emile Hofsink Epping Resident