



Objection 330

Nicholas Weston

To the redistribution committee,

I wish to lodge a brief objection to the proposed redistribution. My objection concerns the southern boundary of MITCHELL, specifically in regards to the locality of North Rocks.

The manner in which North Rocks has been split in previous redistributions and left unchanged in the proposal is egregious and unnecessary. The southwestern end of North Rocks is a narrow strip squeezed between Darling Mills Creek and Hunts Creek. The boundary along North Rocks Road slices through this area along its spine. This is a terrible boundary that should never have been used.

North Rocks occupies a unique position geographically, with pronounced physical boundaries to its north and west. It ought to be wholly united in a single division, and that division should be one that contains Carlingford and Oatlands, the suburbs with which North Rocks shares the most in common. That is to say, I ask that the committee transfer the balance of North Rocks to Parramatta.

Should anyone doubt the disconnect between North Rocks and the suburbs to its north, I would encourage a trip across the Renown Road Bridge, or as some locals call it, "the big dipper". To this point, when I speak of the balance of North Rocks, I am indeed including that part of North Rocks north of the M2 that was injudiciously left in The Hills Shire during the local government amalgamations.

I note that this alteration to the proposal can be made without necessitating any further changes to satisfy numerical requirements. It is therefore a very easy fix for the committee.

Regards, Nicholas Weston.