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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I live in Cremorne within the Warringah electorate.

I am writing to support the retention of the current boundaries for Warringah.

I moved to this area in December 2019 and was struct by the sense of community within the electorate, something I had not experienced before. From my discussions with friends within the electorate this has a lot to do with having an independent member who is giving voice to many community concerns.

Having considered the proposals, I support option A set out in Suggestion 42 by Zali Steggall to maintain the northern boundaries of the Warringah electorate and minimise the impact on North Sydney by pushing the south/western boundaries of the division of Warringah to the Warringah Freeway only.

The current proposal seems to be directed against electorates represented by independent MPs. I don't know if this was unintended. My understanding is that the Committee is meant to be independent of political influence. It is clear that a significant number of Australian voters want to be represented by independent MPs and any redistribution should not have the effect of undermining this clearly expressed desire.

Yours faithfully

Susan Edwards