Details of your comment

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THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION PANEL

SUBMISSION
I am writing on the resolution of the St George District Residents Network Inc.

Our organisation has viewed the proposed revised Electoral District maps for the Electoral Districts of Oatley and Kogarah which are within our constitutional area. Our organisation and its predecessor (Hurstville Residents Association Inc) have been involved in local community activities for over 35 years.

RECOMMENDATIONS DISTRICT OF OATLEY AND KOGARAH

We support the proposed new western boundary being the new natural boundary of the WestConnex Motorway. Our Network has for some time advocated the boundary of Georges River Council should also take this Motorway as it's western boundary and this is being processed by that council at present.

We propose that the new boundary for the District of Oatley and Kogarah be the Princes Highway and King Georges Road from Tom Uglies Bridge to a point intersected by Stoney Creek Road Beverly Hills. At this point the boundary should turn left until it comes to Mountview Ave where the boundary will turn right and follow Mountview Ave to Broad Arrow Road, where it will turn left and follow that road to Narwee Ave where it will turn right into that Avenue and follow it and cross the East Hills Railway and park and proceed into Nanowie St and follow that street until its junction with the WestConnex Motorway.

This proposal will unite Beverly Hills under one state electorate. Everything requiring community action will then be handled by one electoral office. A simple thing like having the garden beds in King Georges Road weeded (TfNSW), maintenance of entrances to Beverly Hills Railway station, council carpark funding, road maintenance will not require multiple meetings with two state members.

This proposal will also unite Narwee Shopping Centre, Narwee Public School, Narwee Station and the commercial centre in Penshurst Road. This area has been mismanaged by disputes between councils and state members for over forty years.

We support the proposal for the suburbs of Blakehurst, Kyle Bay and Connells Point etc. continuing within the District of Oatley as they presently are. The common feature of these suburbs is Georges River which is the common feature for suburbs to the west. The common feature uniting this area is its common building structures and lifestyle. We see this proposal will retain the original makeup of the Division of Oatley including the balance of household voting patterns and various community interest groups.

Name of Electoral Districts
After much discussion we suggest that the name of each District change to reflect the description of their locale.

THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF OATLEY
We propose that, with the naming of our Local Government area following the state government amalgamation of Hurstville and Kogarah councils, the District of Oatley should be known as the District of Georges River, which is also the name of the major geographical feature of the locality. The name Oatley has never fitted well with the local community as the suburb is only a small portion of the Electoral District. Georges River has had a long historical basis for this area.

The Electoral District of Kogarah
As the business centre of Kogarah is in the far end of the proposed Electoral District, we suggest the revised district be renamed the District of Hurstville, which is the major business centre within the proposed Electoral District.