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**The Secretariat of the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel**

**Comments on the Redistribution Suggestions Published By NSW Electoral Commission.**

Dear Sir/Madam, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the suggestions nominated for consideration in the current Electoral District's redistribution.

1. I favour the retention of the District of Hornsby bounded by the current border. Residents who live along the eastern side of Old Northern Road access medical, Centrelink, Services NSW, Council services, legal services, Policing, and other professional services in Hornsby. This link should be reflected in the Electoral District that represents them.
2. My reading of all suggestions reveals that the population in the current Hornsby District conforms to the population margins set by the Commission.
3. My local community relies on our elected member of parliament to have an electoral office in Hornsby. The Hon Matt Kean is well respected by the community and he has a sound understanding of the needs of the community. He values the natural environment which is found in his electorate.

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4. If there has to be a redistribution I **completely reject the suggestion by the Liberal Party for the creation of the District of Galston NSWR299701/34** The majority of this suggested district in acreage terms is rural. Both the Greater Sydney Commission, Hornsby Council and the local community want this to remain so. I am concerned that developers and key local Liberal Party members will take the opportunistic view to make huge profits from residential development on relatively cheap land. Government might be tempted to mount pressure to change the rural zonings on this rural land to residential so as to create urban development similar to that in Cherrybrook, Castle Hill, Glenhaven.
5. In the case of Galston, putting residential Cherrybrook (which the current Government want to be of higher density) with the rural areas could be inconsistent with that principle. Nothing like using the other side's own words in a submission.

Of course, including more voters for one political party in an electorate is not ensuring community interest, (it's called gerrymandering )

6. Taking note of council boundaries remains a key priority to ensure that community interests are observed when drawing State electoral boundaries. We align electoral districts and LGAs with strong local identity as far as possible, particularly in rural and regional NSW.
7. The current Hornsby District respects communities of interest groups of people who share an identity eg the Indian community or those who share an experience eg the homeless community. I am not sure that the suggested Galston District would do this.
8. NSWR200701/39. I do not support the ALPs suggestion. Again there is no reason to change the existing Hornsby District boundary. The ALP's expansion of the district to the west will put at

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risk Hornsby's Rural Lands that the local community and the Greater Sydney Commission have been trying to protect from residential rezoning and development. The western section of the ALPs suggestion includes a large portion of The Hills Council which has a culture, in my opinion, of finding ways to develop environmentally sensitive land which should be protected. The Hills Council has allowed cluster residential development in environmentally zoned land. This type of development does little to preserve environmentally precious land from development.

9. Suggestion **NSWR200626/9**. I support the idea of renaming the electoral districts with aboriginal names eg nation names of groups, or names of significant aborigines who have made their mark on the History of the state since white settlement.

I hope the above comments are helpful to the Commission.