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I propose that the electorate of Drummoyne be renamed to Canada Bay. In my experience of being a local, I believe this change would be a positive reflection of the way the community has changed over my lifetime.

The electorate of Drummoyne is one of the oldest in the state, created in the early 20th century. The land it covers largely coincides with what is today the Canada Bay local government area. At the time of the electorate's creation, Drummoyne was the largest population centre of the electorate. But this has changed in recent decades.

My parents moved to Concord in 1987, and the story behind this move is a helpful illustration. They were taking the ferry westward along the Parramatta river. They passed waterfront houses at Drummoyne, then newly developed waterfront housing at Chiswick and Abbotsford. When they reached Mortlake, they saw factories and heavy industry. They thought to themselves "this won't last." They could see that the demographics of the area would be changing very soon, and indeed were already doing so.

They were right. When they moved here, Concord and its surrounding suburbs were a working class area, with a number of still operating factories. In my lifetime, all of these factories have closed down, making way for modern suburban family housing. The suburb of Drummoyne is no longer the suburban hub of the local area.

Last century, Canada Bay was merely the name of a fairly insignificant landmark. It sits at the southern end of one of the larger inlets of the Parramatta river, and was nothing more than a lovely view for those driving on the main road between Concord and Five Dock. Then in the year 2000, with the amalgamation of Concord and Drummoyne councils, a new name was needed. The name Canada Bay was picked for the new council, as it was a landmark on the dissolved boundary.

In the 20 years since, the name has gone from one picked out of convenience, to one which truly represents the whole area. I have seen this first hand, growing up in Concord and now living in North Strathfield. And I think that the time is right for the NSW electoral commission to acknowledge this also, by updating the name of the local state electorate.