

Dear Commissioner,

I write to oppose the changes to the seat of **Coogee** that are proposed in the suggestion by 'The Liberal Party of Australia, New South Wales Division,' submission to the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel (**NSWR200701/34**).

This proposal would mean that residents in the northern parts of the suburb of Coogee are located in a different electorate to the large majority of the suburb of Coogee, drawing the boundary along Alison Road. This creates a disconnect in our community, which would mean that those who live north of Alison Road would be represented by a different local MP than the one who is responsible for our schools, health and community facilities.

All residents of Coogee rely on the schools, shops, services, health and community facilities either located at Coogee Beach or in the Health, Education and Shopping Precinct centred on Avoca Street, High Street and Belmore Road in Randwick. This area, which includes the entirety of the suburb of Coogee and Randwick should be considered to be a community of interest by the Electorate Commission. The local high school for all residents in Coogee is to the south west at Randwick Boys and Girls High, the local public transport options are located to the south along Bream Street and our community groups centred on Coogee Beach. There is no good justification to spilt the suburb of Coogee between two electorates.

Further, the arbitrary boundary proposed along Alison Road is confusing and hard to understand. Alison Road east of Carrington Road becomes a narrow residential street and would not be easily recognisable as an electorate boundary. Existing electorate boundaries, such as that for the federal seat of Kingsford-Smith, the current state seat of Coogee and the council boundaries of Randwick Council recognise that the suburb of Coogee is one cohesive community of interest, placing them in the same electorates and council areas.

The current borders of the seat of Coogee, placing all of the suburb of Coogee in the one seat alongside the suburbs of Bondi Junction, Bronte, Clovelly, Randwick, Tamarama and Waverley is the most desirable layout for the state seat of Coogee. As the seat of Coogee appears to be slightly under enrolment, adding some areas from Heffron around Kingsford or Kensington would prove a suitable solution. In particular, those east of Anzac Parade share the same schools, services and health facilities to the existing seat of Coogee and Anzac Parade would make a clearly defined western boundary for the seat of Coogee.