

New South Wales State Electorates Redistribution Submission

Summary

- Major boundary changes between the seats of 'Coogee' and 'Heffron' in Inner Sydney
- The abolition of the seat of 'Davidson' in Northern Sydney
- The creation of a new seat of 'Leppington' in Western Sydney
- Minor boundary changes in Regional New South Wales

Inner Sydney Seats

Major boundary changes are required in particular along the border of 'Heffron' and 'Coogee'

The seat of Heffron will be over quota by 13.66% by 2023. The combined Inner Sydney region is generally 20% under quota, providing significant scope for changes to boundaries to bring Heffron below quota.

The seat of Coogee has a projected 2023 enrolment of 55467, under quota by 6.38%. The neighbouring seat of Heffron has a projected 2023 enrolment of 67334, over quota by 13.66%. As a result, at least 4000 electors will need to move from Heffron into Coogee at this redistribution. This will be best achieved by moving electors in the suburbs of Kingsford and Kensington, currently the Eastern portion of 'Heffron', into the seat of 'Coogee'. This would see Coogee enlarged significantly on its western border.

In order to bring 'Heffron' closer to quota, the suburb of Moore Park should be moved into the under quota seat of 'Sydney'. The suburb of Tempe should be moved from 'Heffron' into Rockdale', which would allow for the under quota seat of 'Kogarah' to gain territory from 'Rockdale'. Shifting the suburbs of Kogarah Bay and Beverley Park from 'Rockdale' to 'Kogarah' will bring 'Kogarah' closer to quota.

Other Inner Sydney seats are within the allowable variation from the quota and therefore only minor boundary changes will be required for these areas.

Northern Sydney Seats

The seat of 'Davidson' is proposed to be abolished at this redistribution.

The Northern Sydney Seats are collectively 44% under quota. Despite this, this is the best place to abolish a seat in order to keep the number of seats across the state at 93 and allow for a new seat in the over quota Western Sydney region.

Although 'Davidson' is only under quota by 7.12% by 2023, it is the best candidate for abolition. This will result in the significant shift and expansion of under quota seats in Northern and Western Sydney. These seats would include, 'Epping', 'Hornsby' and 'Ku-Ring-Gai'. Other under quota North Shore and Northern Beaches seats including 'North Shore', 'Manly', 'Wakehurst', 'Willoughby',

'Pittwater' and will need to expand to the North and West in order to absorb the territory from the abolished seat of 'Davidson'.

Western Sydney Seats

A new seat of 'Leppington' is proposed to be created at this redistribution.

The Western Sydney region will be collectively 72.2% over at quota by 2023. The seats of 'Macquarie Fields' and 'Camden' will collectively be 72.57% of a quota over enrolment by 2023 (greater than the over enrolment of the overall region). As such, a new seat in the South West Sydney Growth area is necessary at this redistribution.

The seat of Leppington would comprise areas from the northern portion of severely the over quota seat of 'Camden', the western portion of 'Macquarie Fields', the southern portion of 'Liverpool' and the eastern portion of 'Mulgoa'. The seat would include the suburbs and localities of Austral, Badgery's Creek, Bardia, Bringelly, Carnes Hill, Cecil Hills, Cecil Park, Horningsea Park, Hoxton Park, Kemp's Creek, Leppington, Raby, Rossmore and Varroville.

'Mulgoa' should also absorb the suburb of Luddenham from 'Camden' in order to offset the loss of territory in the east of the seat and further bring 'Camden' down closer to quota. Where possible, the seat of Camden should be brought below quota

The seat of 'Londonderry' is will be over quota by 21.83% in 2023. This means that significant area from 'Londonderry' will need to be shifted into the neighbouring seats of 'Penrith' and 'Mulgoa'. The area in the west of 'Londonderry', including the suburbs of Caddens, Cambridge Park, Claremont Meadows and Orchard Hills to be moved into the seat of 'Penrith', whilst the suburbs of Colyton and Hewitt would be moved to 'Mulgoa'. This would reduce Londonderry to close to quota.

Areas to the west of the Nepean River currently in the seat of 'Penrith' should be moved to the under quota seat of 'Blue Mountains' in order to bring the later up to quota, whilst ensuring Penrith remains close to quota with the addition of territory from 'Londonderry'.

The seats of 'Riverstone' and 'Castle Hill' are a combined 38% over quota. This is balanced by the seats of 'Mount Druitt', 'Blacktown', 'Seven Hills', 'Baulkham Hills' 'Prospect', 'Fairfield' and 'Cabramatta' which are collectively 37% under quota. As a result, the seats of 'Riverstone' and 'Castle Hill' as well as all the aforementioned seats will need to shift south in order to ensure a balance between the two regions.

Regional New South Wales

Only minor changes need to be made to the boundaries in Regional New South Wales.

Changes should be made where there are neighbouring under and over quota seats. This includes over quota 'Ballina' losing some territory to under quota 'Lismore', over quota 'Maitland' losing some territory to under quota 'Upper Hunter'.

There will need to be an overall shift of regional seats eastward, so that over quota seats in South Eastern New South Wales, in particular 'Shellharbour' can be balanced out against under quota seats

in Western NSW, in particular 'Cootamundra'. This can be best achieved through the eastward shift of 'Cootamundra' into 'Goulburn', 'Goulburn' into 'Wollondilly' and 'Wollondilly' into Shellharbour'.