Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Objection to the renaming of Davidson electorate to St.Ives. Suggestion that the electorate should be re-named LINDFIELD.

With the area covered by this proposed new electorate's boundaries Davidson is no longer a significant portion of the electorate and accordingly a change of name of the electorate is justified. The proposed boundaries now encompasses the St Ives area however this is at the extremity of the proposed electorate and is in no way representative of the entire District.

I suggest that this electorate should be named LINDFIELD. Lindfield is a suburb that is centrally located within the proposed boundaries and has a long and proud history. It straddles both the North Shore railway line and the Pacific Highway whereas St Ives is not as conveniently or centrally located. The vast percentage of the population within the proposed boundaries do most of their everyday business in the area from Chatswood through to Gordon whilst St Ives falls way out of this area and there is very little community of interest between the two areas. In general, residents in the St Ives area tend to do much of their everyday business in the direction of Hornsby rather than towards the bulk of the proposed electorate. I note that both the current State and Federal members each have their offices located at Lindfield and, along with their predecessors, have located in Lindfield for may years. This is a clear indication that they see Lindfield as an appropriate location to service their electorates. Accordingly, Lindfield would be a much more suitable name for the electorate.

Significant expansion and development in the immediate area near Lindfield railway station is either under way or in the pipeline which will no doubt lead to Lindfield becoming the hub of this new electorate.

Lindfield and the surrounding area is home to many thriving businesses and community groups. For example, my bowling club at Lindfield has over the years brought together bowling clubs from Northbridge, Roseville, Gordon and Killara to become one of the strongest bowling clubs on Sydney's north shore. The club is also home to the North Shore Bridge Club which is Australia's largest bridge club. The club also hosts a Probus club and conducts bowls as a sport for local schools.