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Dear Redistribution Committee

As a resident of Warringah electorate I would like to make a few short comments regarding Redistribution in my electorate and North Sydney.

Firstly I appose the draft proposal that the North Sydney electorate be abolished . This seat is currently held by a female independent ,Kylea Tink This suggested proposal is politically motivated and favours the major political parties.This could result in an independent voice in parliament being lost Also the removal of North Sydney further decreases gender equality at a Federal level which is male dominated and does not represent all members of a community.

I also appose Dee Why,North Curl Curl Killarney Heights and Forestville being removed from the division of Warringah . I do so primarily as the residents of these suburbs were actively engaged in in the people power movement or democracy at its best ,beginning in 2018 , which resulted in an independent ,Zali Stegall ,being elected to represent the community .This has been positive outcome not only at community level but in parliament itself where a different perspective is presented which has resulted in legislative change

I fully support Zali Stegall's proposals for electoral boundary change to keep metropolitan communities together and hope that the committee considers these options

In conclusion it is unfortunate that all the proposed AEC electorates to be abolished or radically changed are held by female members of parliament These changes would result in greater gender equality in federal parliament and stifle diversity of opinion on what is important to a community and best for Australia as a whole

Thank You
Helen Walton