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# Objection 177

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## **I write with to object to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney for the following reasons**

My team and I are objecting to the AEC's proposal for numerous reasons, the most important being as stated below.

North Sydney has a clearly defined identity. People relate to and connect directly to the geographical area. Decision-making in that area involves issues quite distinct from those in adjacent electorates. The area contains multiple social, environmental and public interest groups quite distinct from the other electorates into which its population would be merged in the event the electorate is abolished.

The business area for example, is one of the largest in the country and its business and industrial zones involve distinctive challenges and opportunities that require the consideration and support of an individual parliamentarian committed to the area and understanding of its challenges.

It is also the case that the population of the area is growing rapidly with almost six thousand new homes being build in the North Sydney LGA alone before the end of the decade, a projected increase of 27% which may be replicated in large part in the other three LGA areas which constitute the seat.

Finally, the seat has a distinctive and proud history, with a number of prominent independents representing the seat over the years