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The North Sydney electorate has continuously been my home for the past 13 years (and for most of the past 40 years). In spite of its urban environment it has always felt like a close knit community with a strong cohesive sense of purpose, such as often found in small rural communities. This was particularly emphasised during the past three years when an independent candidate for MP was found and then successfully campaigned to office by a large enthusiastic group from the entire North Sydney electorate. This campaign has enhanced a strong community spirit throughout the electorate which I experience almost every day going about my daily life. It makes it a truly great place to live.

As I am retired I spend a few months a year travelling and the rest of my time is spent in my local community: Middle Cove, Castle Craig, North Bridge, Crows Nest, Chatswood, and North Sydney. Essentially, almost all of my life is spent in the current North Sydney electorate and I really appreciate it's comfort and the friendly community environment. I believe there is high value in whatever can be done to keep it all together.

My understanding is that the need to eliminate the North Sydney electorate in the redistribution is because of a recent decline in its population. To me this seems very short sighted considering all the plans for significant population growth during the next five years. For example NSW State Government is planning for almost 6,000 new homes in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029.

I would not like to be moved into Bradfield as suggested in the redistribution and I encourage a revision of the plans to retain the 123 year old seat of North Sydney.