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Objection 199

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Dear Electoral Commissioner,

Objection to the Proposed Abolishment of the North Sydney Electoral Division

I am writing to object to the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to abolish the North Sydney electoral division as part of the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution. Our objection is based on several critical reasons that underscore the necessity and importance of maintaining North Sydney as a distinct electoral entity.

1. **Population Growth:** The population within the North Sydney electoral division is experiencing significant growth, driven by planned developments and population projections. For instance, the NSW State Government anticipates the construction of 5,900 new homes in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029, with an expected 27% increase in residents by 2036 in this area alone. Such rapid growth necessitates ongoing representation to address emerging community needs effectively.
2. **Historical Significance:** The federal seat of North Sydney holds immense historical significance, being one of the original federation divisions contested in Australia's inaugural federal election 123 years ago. It is home to generational families who have proudly contributed to our nation's development and have been represented by esteemed leaders, including a prime minister and notable independent figures like Ted Mack.

In conclusion, abolishing the North Sydney electoral division would be premature and counterproductive given the aforementioned factors. It would undermine effective representation, dilute community cohesion, and diminish historical continuity that forms the backbone of our electorate's identity.

I respectfully urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider its proposal and retain North Sydney as a separate electoral division to ensure continued effective representation and preservation of our community's interests.

Thank you for considering this objection. I look forward to a fair and equitable review process.

Yours sincerely,

Michael