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# Objection 206

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Submission to AEC regarding proposed elimination of the Federal seat of North Sydney

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To the AEC

As a resident of North Sydney Federal electorate, I respectfully submit my objection to the proposed elimination of the Federal seat of North Sydney on the following grounds and I ask that the AEC take my points into consideration as you review and revise your draft proposal.

North Sydney has a unique identify, distinct from the neighbouring seats of Bennelong, Warringah and Bradfield, into which it is proposed the seat of North Sydney will be merged. We are:

- Proudly represented by an Independent Member of Parliament, unlike Bennelong and Bradfield; we feel great pride in our community representation as our MP is not aligned with major parties and thus, though she has a 'big picture' focus, she also has a strong focus on – and ability to – freely represent our local issues;
- A unique blend of residential (heritage, village, suburban) and business (small local shops and larger commercial) centres; in fact, North Sydney boasts the third largest commercial centre in our state;
- We have a projected growth rate of significant proportions with 5,900 new homes to be built in North Sydney LGA by 2029 and, were this to be replicated in the other LGAs in our electorate, it could mean more than 24,000 new homes in our community; the corresponding population growth would soon mean boundaries need to again be redrawn; so instead of a potentially short-sighted merging of electorates, I urge you to take this into account and keep North Sydney electorate;
- North Sydney has a unique history and character as one of 75 original federal electorates; let's honour that proud history by maintaining North Sydney electorate.

Personally, I have strong local connections in North Sydney that mean I identify as a proud, connected and committed 'North Sydney resident':

- I am a member of North Sydney Swimming Pool Masters and participate regularly in social and active sporting activities with this group;
- I am a member of Willoughby Arts Centre, a unique community-based arts centre that fosters local artistic, educational and cultural events, as well as exhibitions;
- I am a member of the North Sydney catholic church community that worships at St Mary's North Sydney;
- I am a member of Stanton Library, and belong to a book club that meets monthly at Stanton Library, North Sydney;
- I love to – and regularly do – shop at North Sydney Community Markets; I attend, in the company of my community members, North Sydney outdoor cinema; and my grandchildren attend the local primary school where I am also involved.

Please recognise the strong identity of our electorate and maintain its current boundaries.