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Objection 251

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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE FEDERAL DIVISION OF NORTH SYDNEY

As a resident in the seat of North Sydney, I writing to object to the proposed Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) boundary changes that would result in the removal of the federal division of North Sydney.

My objections are based on the following:

Population changes

The AEC has indicated voter growth in areas such as Ryde, St Leonards and Lane Cove based on it's 2020 Voter trends report,

However since then, there has and will be significant increases in population in areas within the North Sydney electorate.

For example whole blocks of residential houses between Berry Lane and Canberra Ave St Leonards have been demolished to make way for high rise development.

In addition, as at June 23 the population in the North Sydney council area grew by 72,014. A 3.81% increase, outstripping the 2.77% growth experienced in greater Sydney in the previous year (as per the "idcommunity report" produced for North Sydney Council).

In addition the NSW governments recent changes to planned housing density limits as set out in their "Transport Orientated Development Program" released in December 2023 will have significant impacts on North Sydney electorate.

This policy seeks to increase low to medium density housing around transport hubs including the new metro station at Crows Nest and to shift Sydney's population growth North and eastwards.

Affected councils including areas within North Sydney and adjoining electorates will therefore be responsible for delivering about 41% of those new homes.

As a result of this policy the housing targets for North Sydney and Hunters Hill have been doubled.

In view of this expected population growth within the current boundaries of the North Sydney electorate, the AEC draft proposal to remove the North Sydney electorate altogether is I believe shortsighted.

Strong community of interest

As one of the original federation electorates, North Sydney has always been a highly motivated, cohesive & engaged community.

There is no clearer demonstration of this than at the last federal election where the groundswell of community support saw the electorate mobilising to seek out and get behind the election a “community” independent who reflects the views and values of the North Sydney community.

I was also proud that as a community, the electorate voted “Yes” to the recent Voice referendum. However, under the AEC proposed distribution I will now be moved to the seat of Bennelong whose values don’t align with either myself or the North Sydney electorate since they voted “No”.

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