



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 260

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Dear Madam/Sir

I wish to object to the elimination of the Federal seat of North Sydney. My reasons are as follows:

Community

In many aspects, North Sydney has a unique community. Many parts still maintain a village atmosphere, where people are friendly and helpful. For 18 years I have participated in the North Sydney Streets Alive program as a volunteer. We work to beautify public sidewalks with plantings and landscaping, and have developed a network of community gardens throughout the North Sydney area. Besides benefitting the community through the beautification, it performs a very valuable function of bringing local residents together to work in the garden, share in the harvest, and mix socially. The strength of the movement is unique to North Sydney, and moving different parts of this network to different Federal seats, where its value and benefit may not be appreciated, would probably lead to the disintegration of this wonderful initiative. Sadly.

Living

Because of defective vision I no longer drive, and rely upon public transport. In order to get around I have the benefit of busses, two ferry wharfs within walking distance and my local station as well as the soon to be opened North Sydney Victoria Cross station. Obviously this will not change if North Sydney is removed as a Federal seat, but I mention it nevertheless. It just illustrates how North Sydney is a very communal place to live and work.

Business

North Sydney business district is one of the most important business areas in Australia, with a thriving and progressive business scene. North Sydney station is one of the busiest in Northern Sydney, as will be the new Victoria Cross Metro station. This business area is the beating heart of the North Sydney, and it is essential the the elected Federal Representative is committed to furthering and representing this fact. Moving the North Sydney business area into a mainly residential neighbouring Federal seat will not do justice to such an important business area. This area contributes considerably to the economic strength of NSW, and moving it into a seat where that lacks experience of representing such established economic activity would be a major error.

Population

The populations of Warringah, Bradfield, North Sydney and Bennelong are all fairly similar, so why has North Sydney been selected to be eliminated? Of these four seats, it is North Sydney that makes the largest economic contribution to the region, and if one of these seats has to be done away with, why pick the one with the largest contribution, which is also the one the requires the most dedicated representation of its Federal represented? Any one of the other three could be absorbed into the remaining ones.

Summary

There are probably far more other cogent reasons why North Sydney should not be eliminated. I have picked just three.

North Sydney is unique. The neighbourhoods are unique. As a transport hub it is unique. As a business centre it is unique. Please save North Sydney!

Thank you
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