



Objection 274

Catherine (Kate) Robertson

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The NSW redistribution Committee

AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Re: Electorate of North Sydney- DO NOT ABOLISH THIS SEAT

Dear Committee,

My name is Catherine Robertson I live and work within the North Sydney Electorate and am very concerned about amalgamating this electorate into the surrounds.

I understand that one of the reasons is the population of this area but it is very clear with the increase in transport facilities- Metro and the proximity to the main train line that the North Sydney Electorate area is marked to increase population exponentially. The current State Government are planning to put in place an increase in density plan that is absolutely suited to this area.

At the 2024 current population density there may be an argument to absorb North Sydney but within 2-5 years the density of this Federal Seat area will be considerably greater than surrounds and the commission may then be needing to reinstate North Sydney.

There is a historic reason to retain North Sydney as a separate Federal Seat, it is over 100 years old and one of the first seats. Like a heritage building or heritage conservation area the Federal seat has significance that cannot be dismissed.

I have lived in the electorate Warringah and now I live in the North Sydney, they have very different characteristics. North Sydney I have found to be cohesive, proactive and reflects a community that cares for the actions of Government. Taking this away will lessen our voice, a voice of people educated, proactive, concerned.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request this seat is left intact.

Yours Faithfully

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