



**THE FEDERAL
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Objection 293

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

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RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have been at my address for more than 50 years and most of that time have been in the North Sydney electorate (although we have been moved from one electorate to another adjoining one several times)

North Sydney as a discreet electorate.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation. It is a diverse electorate in its population background. However, there has been considerable unity in its views. Independent members have sometimes represented the electorate including Ted Mack and the current incumbent Kylea Tink. It will be a great loss if the proud electorate of North Sydney disappears.

Population Growth

The core areas of North Sydney which include St Leonards, Artarmon and Chatswood are actually growing in population because of the increase in high rise residential dwellings. This will continue due to the current council and state planning protocols and the opening of the new Metro line to the City. The AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney does not consider existing and future population growth numbers inside our electorate. Two examples of what has not been considered:

1. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029.
2. North Sydney Council alone is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036. Similar growth is expected in the adjoining high density council area of Willoughby

Abolishment will diminish unfairly the current electorates effective representation

The current proposal has selected North Sydney with its long history of effective representation as the only electorate to be abolished. There are heritage laws to protect the built environment but nothing apparently to protect a 100 year name in an electorate.

Furthermore, all networks, connections, organisations, social case works, etc are intrinsically linked by being part of this community since 1901. Maintaining the seat ensures continuity in addressing long-term projects and community goals.

I am a proud member of the North Sydney community. I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact.

Yours faithfully,

John Rawson

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