



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 296

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Submission: Electoral Boundaries

FEEDBACK ON AEC BOUNDARIES

Where did we go?!

For nearly sixty years I have lived in my community, albeit shoved into this or that "electorate". I identify with North Sydney, and urge its retention in name and identity. North Sydney has existed since Federation as one of the original 75 divisions contested at Australia's first federal election in 1901.

The Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to abolish the Federal Seat of North Sydney in the next election contains several central problems. The draft plan detaches the residents of Northbridge from those of Naremburn; St Leonards from Crows Nest; Greenwich from Wollstonecraft; and Chatswood's CBD from its state schools. I suspect that our sense of community and social cohesion will be lost in the boundary redistribution.

For the first time, we have achieved Teal representation, an advance over political party representation, in allowing for actual representation of canvassed views, not party domination. Please don't take this advance from us by playing simple number games. We work well as a community!

Sincerely yours,
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