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Objection 315

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I write regarding the proposed breakup of the North Sydney Electorate and redistribution into other neighbouring electorates.

I have lived in the North Sydney electorate for over 30 years, and as a family, we have been and continue to be deeply involved in this community. The North Sydney Electorate is the heart and soul of our cultural, business, social and sporting activities. My children went to school at Willoughby Public School and then at Marist College, North Sydney. We participate in local sports and clubs, including Northbridge Football Club; Willoughby Leisure Centre; and Norths Leagues Club.

I believe that the North Sydney electorate appropriately represents the cultural diversity and interests for me, my family and our areas of interests. A shift to Bradfield does not represent my cultural background and diversity, or my interests.

North Sydney is a unique electorate. Unlike most of our neighbouring electorates, it is more culturally diverse and socially progressive. Over 60% of our community voted YES in the recent referendum on a Voice to Parliament, and we elected an independent candidate to represent us in our federal parliament. A shift to Bradfield does not represent my commitment in either of these.

I do not believe that the current electorate redistribution accurately reflects the growth of the North Sydney Electorate. The State government has announced that it is doubling the housing targets for Willoughby. Less than 500 metres from my home, there are two very significant housing developments, and Willoughby Council predicts that the population will grow from current 80k people to 91k by 2036. Population growth across the electorate will be significant in the next 10 years.

I strongly object to the proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished, and request that the views and recommendations of the sitting member –that our boundaries are shifted slightly be adopted instead.

Thank you for considering my objection

Matthew Farmer