




**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 339

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The Presiding Officer,
Australian Electoral Office.

Re: Proposed abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney. I have lived in the North Sydney electorate for a total period of nearly 50 years. I grew up in Kirribilli and love the area. I have lived in other parts of Sydney but always return, because I think it's the best place to live in Sydney!

I am horrified to think that this constituency, which was part of the first parliament of Australia following federation, is to be chopped up and divided, as I understand it, amongst several existing seats. The seat of North Sydney has a proud history with a number of eminent Members of Parliament representing us over the years eg Prime Minister Billy Hughes, Treasurer Joe Hockey and independent Ted Mack. Whilst we have welcomed many migrants into our community, and I believe a third of our constituents speak a language other than English at home, nevertheless we are a cohesive community with a similarity of opinion on important issues.

As I understand it, if the redistribution were to go ahead, the area of the North Sydney in which we live will become part of the electorate of Warringah. The seat of Warringah current extends from Mosman up to beachside suburbs such as Curl Curl and Dee Why and suburban areas such as Beacon Hill and Frenchs Forest. While these are interesting parts of Sydney, they are quite distinct in terms of community interest, community lived experience, environment and social make up from the area of North Sydney that I live in.

The electorate of North Sydney is projected to grow quite considerably over the next few years and I believe that this projected increase in population has not been given sufficient weight in the decision to abolish the seat. One example of an anticipated growth in population is that the NSW state government plans to see 5900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA by 2029. It should be noted that this is only one part of the seat of North Sydney.

I would request that the Australian Electoral Office reconsider this decision and allow the electorate of North Sydney to continue.

