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# Objection 347

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Wollstonecraft NSW 2065

Australian Electoral Commission  
NSW redistribution committee  
CANBERRA ACT

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**Subject: Objection against the planned abolition of the seat of North Sydney**

Dear Madam / Sir,

As a long term resident of Wollstonecraft, I strongly object to the abolition of the seat and sincerely ask you to reconsider.

The main argument for abolishing the seat of North Sydney is that the report says that North Sydney's population is declining. In fact, the population of North Sydney LGA has been rising since the determination of the data that is the basis for the redistribution and the population will rise significantly in years to come. North Sydney is a growth area. The NSW government is on it way to establish some 8,000 new homes in the North Sydney, Crows Nest, St. Leonard and Lane Covecorridor alone, adding some 20,000 – 25,000 people in this area alone in the next 5 years. There are currently more building cranes in the area than I have ever seen in the 20 years that I lived here! Under the proposed redistribution this area will be represented by 3 different MP's, with different view points. This clearly doesn't make sense.

The total number of new homes in the seat of North Sydney until 2030 is estimated to be around 25,000, this will add some 75,000 people to the population. There are areas in NSW with lower growth rates than North Sydney and these must be considered.

Communities that surround of the above corridor and which are currently in the seat of North Sydney, these communities rely on the above corridor (including Chatswood) for schools, shopping, entertainment, sport, etc. Currently schools are being build, or expanded (North Sydney Demonstration school, Marist College, Redham, etc.). These developments occur because the population is increasing!

The NSW government is finalising the construction of a new Metro line, with several (new) stations between Chatswood and North Sydney. Again this is done because the population is increasing.

Last but not least, the commission seems to have followed the recommendations of the two major parties and completely ignored the arguments of our local member Kylea Tink. Needless to say that it suits the major parties to reduce the number of seats currently held by independent MP's. I submit that the commission considers that the "carve up" of the seat of North Sydney isn't in the interest of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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