



**THE FEDERAL  
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 402

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My team and I are objecting to the AEC's proposal for several key reasons.

**My principal concern for the proposal is that it dilutes democracy. The great success of North Sydney electorate is that it has proven the power of individual votes to effect change. Amalgamating North Sydney with other electorates, will effectively reduce the ability of independents who are known and valued to our community to prevail in federal elections.**

**North Sydney is not the same homogeneous right wing, pale stale population as mosman. We want our population and our preferences to be adequately and authentically represented. I do not want my interests drowned out by millionaires with million dollar investments whose interest is in protecting the wealth of the elite. I want someone who is invested in our community in all its diversity. By removing our electorate you are depriving us of having our interests represented.**

## **I OBJECT**

**Additional basis for objection are as below:**

### **1. Population growth**

The population right across our electorate is growing rapidly but the AEC's proposal does not account for this growth. For example, the NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029. If that growth is replicated across the four LGAs currently contained in the federal seat that would see more than 24,000 new homes built across our community.

In addition to this, North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036. This is a 27% increase in just one of the four LGAs that currently make up the seat of North Sydney and indicates that it is highly likely that to proceed with abolishing our seat now would be completely counterproductive, as arguably the case to re-establish it come 2029 will be more than obvious.

### **2. Our business community**

As home to the third-largest business centre in the country, we also believe that North Sydney's businesses and industrial zones deserve the focus of a dedicated local member.

North Sydney has a total of 28,000 small to medium size businesses whose needs do not overlap entirely with those of the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong or Warringah

### **3. North Sydney is a cohesive and engaged community**

North Sydney is home to several environmental, humanitarian, religious and social groups all working together towards a better Australia.

It is telling that we were one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum.

We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home.

And we are home to several active and competitive sports teams, including two of the largest community-based sporting organisations in the state.

### **4. 123 years of history**

The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago.

Many families have lived in the area for several generations, and are proud to have been represented by a prime minister, a treasurer and independent trailblazer Ted Mack.