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Objection 403

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To: Australian Electoral Commission
From: Barbara DeGraff
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RE: Proposed Abolition of seat of North Sydney

I strongly object to the abolition of the seat of North Sydney and the proposal for it to be absorbed into the seats of Warringah, Bradfield or Bennelong.

1. We are distinctly different from the Northern Beaches and Lane Cove. Consolidating our seats would disadvantage all of us.
2. We do not share a community of interest with the northern beaches as we face the challenges of inner-city living.
3. The projected population increase within the seat of North Sydney will negate the need for this restructure in 5 years' time.
4. North Sydney is a growing small city and needs its own seat.

Given the rapid population growth, I suggest you add an additional seat rather than abolishing North Sydney.

Don't split up Postcode 2065

Due to rapid high-rise development, the Crows Nest St. Leonards area faces challenges and needs that would best be supported with all of Postcode 2065 in the same Federal Seat.

North Sydney Business Community

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

North Sydney is a unique, cohesive and engaged community

North Sydney is part of my sense of identity. I have lived in North Sydney (Crows Nest and Lavender Bay) for almost 40 years. I was drawn to the area by its participatory democracy and independence. My children attended **North Sydney Demonstration School** and After-School Care at **the North Sydney Community Centre**. They played soccer for the **North Sydney Bears**.

I am a proud North Sydney resident, a **member of the North Sydney Community Centre's management committee, the Secretary of Wollstonecraft Precinct in North Sydney, and a former Committee member of North Sydney Family Day Care and North Sydney Demonstration School.**

I love that North Sydney is culturally diverse. I am proud we were among the few seats to Vote YES for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. I appreciate the work Kylea Tink is doing to represent our community's and its residents' interests.

North Sydney was one of the original seats at Federation, a unique history of electing Independents and an excellent track record of meeting housing targets. Please leave it in tact.

Barbara DeGraff,
