



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 404

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In response to the Draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution.

To The NSW Redistribution Committee,

My name is Rosemary Churchley, I am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney. I was born and raised in the North Sydney electorate and am currently raising a family of my own in the area. I also work in the North Sydney area, feeling a strong connection to the communities and families here.

I want to do all that I can to save the seat of North Sydney and ensure that I and the next generation of voters has a representative that is local—that truly understands who we are as a community and what issues are affecting us day to day. I am extremely displeased with the proposed division of our local community, and the changes that you are proposing will see our suburbs fall into districts that do not reflect the needs of our population and businesses. Our Lower North Shore communities are very close, sharing much in common and your idea will break us apart, dividing up communities and business for no gain.

To give you an idea of the ridiculousness of the proposed mapping, my daughter, Rachel, proudly represents North Sydney in our community's netball competition. The teams she plays against include Willoughby, Cammeraygal, Chatswood, Lane Cove, Kirribilli, Northbridge, Roseville, and Mosman. As a former netball representative myself, I know that the girls don't just play against these teams, they build lifelong friendships, friendly rivalries, and us the families congregate on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings to connect, bond, and discuss local happenings.

Your proposal aims to divide all of these areas, some moving into the Warringah seat, some Bradfield, others Bennelong. I cannot fathom what went into this suggestion, the idea that Manly, Turramurra, or Ryde shares much if anything in common with our community is laughable. To give an example, the Northern Beaches Link development is one that the people of North Sydney vehemently opposed and with support of our federal representative the environmental, community and traffic impact was considered. This is an example of the needs of North Sydney conflicting with the interests of Warringah, clearly indicating our need to remain our own seat. I am also disappointed that we were not previously involved in this draft proposal earlier, only informed about it mere weeks ago. It is the opinions of those that will be affected by the proposed change that should be sought, it is our representation that you are attempting to take away.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact in its current form.

Thank you,

Rosemary Churchley,

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