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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Les Winton, and I am a resident of Bradfield, a Federal seat adjacent to North Sydney.

I assert that the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney is misguided for the following reasons:

- A. **Population Growth:** The electorate is experiencing significant population growth, which the AEC's proposal fails to consider adequately. The NSW State Government plans to build 5,900 new homes in the North Sydney LGA by 2029. Similar growth across the four LGAs within the current federal seat would result in over 24,000 new homes. Additionally, North Sydney Council anticipates an influx of 19,500 new residents by 2036, representing a 27% increase. Abolishing our seat now would be short-sighted, likely necessitating its re-establishment by 2029.
- B. **Business Community:** North Sydney hosts the third-largest business centre in Australia, with 28,000 small to medium-sized businesses. The specific needs of these businesses require dedicated representation, distinct from the proposed new areas of Bradfield, Bennelong, or Warringah.
- C. **Community Cohesion and Engagement:** North Sydney boasts a diverse and engaged community, home to numerous environmental, humanitarian, religious, and social groups. The electorate was one of the first to support independent representation in 2022 and voted for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. With half our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home, our cultural diversity is a cornerstone of our community. Our strong community spirit is further exemplified by our active and competitive sports teams, including two of the largest community-based sporting organizations in the state.
- D. **Historical Significance:** The federal seat of North Sydney has been an integral part of our nation's history for 123 years, being one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election.

This historical legacy is a crucial element of our community's identity.

Given these compelling factors, I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney and urge that it remain intact, with minimal changes to reflect overall electoral adjustments in NSW.

Yours faithfully,

Les Winton

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