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Hi,

My name is Jacob Wilson, and I am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney from Lane Cove.

I'm writing because I have received annoying emails from the office of the local MP Kylea Tink encouraging me to object to the abolition of the North Sydney electorate, including templates and talking points to suit their preferred narrative. Given this is likely to result in multiple duplicate submissions to the AEC, I suggest that these submissions be given less weight as they are more likely to be representative of the views of the local MP, rather than the broader community.

This is a cynical political exercise which has prompted me to instead write to the AEC in support of existing draft changes to electorates in NSW. Ms Tink supports the status quo because she perceives that to be in her political interest. Tink doesn't want to rock the boat with another independent in Bradfield, and appears to consider herself above running in Bennelong. Her political fortunes should carry no weight in this matter.

North Sydney is a privileged community, but that privilege should not extend to giving it any more or less weight than other electorates. All electorates should be treated equally in the redistribution process, and decisions to alter boundaries, or indeed abolish a seat should be made objectively with consideration of population data. To give this electorate a special status, and therefore protect it, would be to unfairly abolish a different electorate with a stronger case to remain in place.

There is a NIMBY culture in the North Shore which has frankly held back population growth and housing developments. Ms Tink's comrades would have you believe there will be an explosion of housing developments in coming years due to NSW Government planning reforms. What they won't tell you is that it's North Shore Councils which are dragging their feet on following these housing developments through, in fact one Council is challenging the Transport Orientated Development Plan in court with ratepayer's money.

These housing developments are simply an acknowledgment that other parts of Sydney has shouldered the burden of population growth for too long, and it's time North Sydney picked up some of the slack.

The draft redistributions would transition my community into the Bennelong electorate. I'd

much rather live in Bennelong because it would increase the value of my vote. North Sydney has historically been safe Liberal, but in recent times has shifted to marginal independent. As someone who votes for neither Independent or Liberal, I don't feel particularly excited about voting there. The new electorate of Bennelong will be the most marginal seat in the country, which can only be a good thing for the local community.

Kind regards,  
Jacob Wilson