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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bridget Kennedy and I have been a resident of the Federal Seat of North Sydney since 2000. My family and I live in Lane Cove and feel deeply connected to the community in the current seat. I ran a business in North Sydney until last year, regularly attend the Ensemble Theatre, my daughter works in the North Sydney CBD and I cycle in the area regularly, I volunteer at a non-profit run out of the Coal Loader Centre of Sustainability and attend various events and festivals in the area. When heading out to engage with the local community we head east (not towards Ryde), into Crows Nest, St Leonards, North Sydney and surrounds. Many of our friends live in the North Sydney electorate. I grew up in Waverton.

I do not believe that the seat of North Sydney should be abolished because, apart from the sense of cohesiveness and relatedness the community has with each other, the population across our electorate is growing. The AEC's proposal does not account for this growth. The new state housing reforms will 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. This along with the expected 19,500 residents expected to move into the North Sydney Council LGA is a 27% increase in just one of the four LGAs that make up the seat of North Sydney, and this doesn't take into account the planned increase in the St Leonards South Precinct in Lane Cove Council.

North Sydney has a long history of an engaged community, we share common values and was one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished. It is not appropriate in this area of expected population growth in the near future.

The connection I have as a community member is to the waterways of the harbour, Kirribilli where I held my first job, and rented my first hoem away from home.

Please reconsider.

Yours Faithfully  
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