



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 466

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To the Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution

I wish to object to the proposed abolition of the Federal seat of North Sydney. I have lived in Naremburn, in the seat of North Sydney, for 45 years and feel a strong affinity with the cohesive and engaged community. I am involved in an active local environment group and in the Naremburn Progress Association. Many of us worked together in 2022 to elect an Independent member of Parliament. This was not the first time this community had done so, having elected Ted Mack in 1990 and again in 1993.

North Sydney has been a Federal electorate since Federation and therefore has 123 years of history. It would be very sad to see it abolished now.

Much of the data on which this proposal is based is wrong. The population across the electorate is growing quickly but the proposal does not take this growth into account.

North Sydney contains the third-largest business centre in the country and our businesses and industrial zones deserve the focus of a dedicated local member. We have a total of 28,000 small to medium size businesses whose needs do not overlap entirely with those of the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong or Warringah.

I note that the AEC has taken into account the submissions of the Liberal and Labor Parties, but not that of the serving Independent MP.

I strongly oppose the proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request that it remain intact.

Yours faithfully,

Christina Pender

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