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Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Electoral Officer,

Subject: Abolition of Federal seat of North Sydney

My name is Bernadette Ramsey and I am a resident of Northbridge, in the seat of North Sydney. I have resided in this electorate for over 20 years and feel very strong ties to the community and have a sense of identity associated with North Sydney. I belong to several service associations, work for charity in the area and use community facilities across the electorate from North Sydney to Chatswood and Lane Cove.

The recent NSW Government plans to increase density in our area will see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA by 2029. Projecting the same growth across the other LGAs in North Sydney Electorate will result in over 24,000 new homes across the federal seat.

North Sydney Council is expecting nearly 20,000 new residents to move to the area by 2036, a 27% increase in this LGA alone. Multiply this by expected numbers in the other LGAs and the population growth in a short period becomes significant.

I wonder if the AEC took into consideration the NSW Government's plans to increase population density in the electorate before proposing the abolition of North Sydney Electorate? It would appear to me that if these projections are correct, the seat of North Sydney would have to be reinstated when next the electoral boundaries are reviewed.

The business community in North Sydney Electorate covers two large business centres (Chatswood and North Sydney) and includes several industrial zones plus numerous small businesses. The needs of businesses in Warringah are very different from the needs of businesses in the North Sydney and Chatswood areas.

Our community is very progressive, active and engaged across cultural, religious, social, educational and environmental spheres. We are a cohesive community with many residents born overseas and/or speaking a language other than English at home. We voted for the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum and have enjoyed working with our independent sitting member Kylea Tink for the betterment of our electorate. These links are strong and should not be discounted.

The North Sydney electorate, being one of the original 75 federation divisions in Australia's first federal election, is historically significant and should not be abolished.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney and request that the seat remain intact.

Yours sincerely

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Northbridge
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