



**THE FEDERAL
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Objection 505

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The NSW Redistribution Committee

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Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please don't disband the North Sydney electorate

We are a community

North Sydney is a unique community comprised of vastly different members and their needs. Residences range from harbour front mansions, to historic cottages, to new high rises to affordable housing combined with the complex needs of the business district. Together we have created a harmonious and respectful identity and a community that we are extremely proud of.

We are historically important

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation. We mattered then we should matter today.

As a community we have come together to support an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and have been progressive seeking more relevant representation through independent representation. A cynic would say we are being punished for standing up to the two party system and our voice is being deliberately shut down.

North Sydney is growing

With two new metro stations imminently opening and a designated high density residential plan, we are a growing community. We will continue to grow as more developments are approved along the rail corridor. Disbanding North Sydney seems extremely short sighted given the potential for growth, especially when compared to forecasts in communities without significant transport infrastructure.

Two examples of what has not been considered:

- 1. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029.*

2. North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036.

Our needs deserve representation

North Sydney is a diverse community, especially with the North Sydney business district. We have complex needs, traffic, transport, tourism, business, an educational precinct that require attention. We are not a vast, similar suburbia. I believe amalgamation with a neighbouring electorate will minimise my representation and unique issues in my community will no longer be addressed.

Are we being silenced?

I feel deeply concerned that the two dominant political parties are influencing this decision for their own political advantage. We worked extremely hard at the last election to vote in a representative that would work for our community needs and not their political parties. It seems we are being punished for being a community and wanting community representation.

I am a proud member of the North Sydney community. I live, work, shop, exercise, socialise in my electorate. I am committed to supporting my local community.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact. The proposal makes no sense on so many levels and it will have a devastating effect on our community.

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