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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 524

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**To: NSW Redistribution Committee**

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Valmai Au. My late husband and I have lived in Willoughby since 1960 and have brought up our family in this suburb. I still live in the same house which is more than 100 years old. I am in my mid 90's.

Two of my daughters and their children grew up in the North Sydney Federal Seat, attending local schools starting from kindergarten to High School.

That's three generations who have remained in this federal seat in the past 60+ years.

Our family still shop, dine, attend local churches, use local park facilities, libraries and are entertained at the Chatswood Concourse.

I do not believe the seat of North Sydney should be abolished for the following reasons:

-It has a very **strong sense of community**. My family and I rarely venture outside the North Sydney federal electorate because nearly everything we need is within it. It is a desirable area to live in.

- Our **population is growing rapidly** due to excellent local schools (eg Willoughby Girls High, North Sydney Boys and Girls high), State plans to increase thousands of home units in North Sydney, Crows Nest, St Leonards, Chatswood to name a few. More efficient transport modes will attract more residents into the North Sydney electorate. The AEC's proposal has not taken this into account. In the very near future, this proposal may well need to be reversed, due to increased population.

-The North Sydney electorate is one of the 75 **original federal divisions** contested in Australia's first Federal election 123 years ago. It would be a shame to lose this historical link.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the North Sydney federal electorate.

I request for the current electorate to remain as is, with minimal changes required for the overall numbers of NSW electors.

Yours faithfully,

Valmai Au – [REDACTED]

Janine Tow – [REDACTED] (daughter)

10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.