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Dear Sirs

My name is Anthony Gribben. I am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney from Wollstonecraft. I have lived here since 1993 and have a strong connection to the communities and schools here. My two sons went to the North Sydney Demonstration School and then Marist North Shore School and my youngest son completed his schooling at North Sydney Boys High. Both sons played cricket for North Sydney and rugby union for the North Sydney Pirates.

I ask that you please consider Kylea Tink MP's proposal to retain a North Sydney seat with adjusted boundaries to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

I do not believe that the seat of North Sydney should be abolished because:

1. The population right across our electorate is growing rapidly but the AEC's proposal does not take this into account. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029 and the North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036. This is a massive increase in a very short time and indicates that it is highly likely that abolition of the seat of North Sydney would be followed by its re-creation in 2029.
2. North Sydney CBD is home to the third-largest business centre in the country, we also believe that North Sydney's businesses and industrial zones deserve the focus of a dedicated local member. North Sydney has 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.
3. North Sydney is a cohesive and engaged community: North Sydney is home to many environmental, humanitarian, religious and social groups all working together to improve our community. It is telling that we were one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population like myself born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home. And we are home to several active and competitive sports teams, including two of the largest community-based sporting organisations in the state.
4. The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain, with minimal changes to accommodate changes in overall

numbers of electors in NSW.

Yours sincerely
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