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Objection 576

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**Australian Electoral Commission
NSW Redistribution Committee**

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I request that the Federal seat of North Sydney be retained.

I am a resident of North Sydney from Northwood. My family and I have lived here since 1982. My grandparents built a home in Northwood in 1940 and I grew up here and attended Lane Cove Primary and North Sydney Girls High in the 1960s and 70s. I feel a strong connection to the communities and schools here. My children attended Lane Cove and Greenwich Public Schools, and Willoughby Girls High and Bradfield College. I regularly attend North Sydney Markets and weekly Pilates classes in West Street North Sydney.

North Sydney is a well-established and high functioning community.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation. 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. This was achieved because we are a tight network of community minded individuals.

North Sydney is growing!

The AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney does not consider existing and future population growth numbers inside our electorate. There is an enormous amount of development happening in the Greenwich/St Leonards area, for example, along River Road. It is expected that this will increase with the anticipated opening of the new Metro line at Crows Nest in August 2024.

The AEC has failed to consult appropriate sources for future growth numbers, including state and local planning policies, the number of developments under construction and the number of developments in the pipeline for future construction.

Two examples of what has not been considered:

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

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

It does not make sense to split the high-growth area around St Leonards and Crows Nest into three separate electorates.

North Sydney is a community of interest

The North Sydney community has unique characteristics and needs that will not be adequately addressed if its residents are absorbed into neighbouring electorates.

The networks, connections, sporting groups, businesses, community groups, schools and transport lines are intrinsically linked within the current North Sydney electorate. Maintaining the seat will enable us to address long-term projects and community goals. This is important economically given North Sydney is the third largest business centre in Australia and the significant economic corridor runs through the electorate.

I am a proud member of the North Sydney community. I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain, with adjusted boundaries to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW. I ask that you please consider Kylea Tink MP's proposal in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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