



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 641

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Date: 12 July 2024

Re: Objection to the AEC proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the AEC proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney where I have lived with my wife and family for many years.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation and represents the unique views of its constituents, including a “yes” vote in the same sex plebescite in 2017 and The Voice referendum in 2023. The representation of this seat by an elected, currently independent federal MP will be not be possible by the abolishment of this electorate.

With the pressure on housing and the undertaking of state and local government to increase access to transport hubs and employment opportunities in the North Sydney CBD and the Sydney CBD, which is easily accessed from this electorate, the population of the North Sydney electorate is expected to grow in the next years. It would not seem to be the right time to abolish this growing electorate just when the population is set to increase. I wonder if the AEC has taken this into consideration?

The previous efforts of the state government to amalgamate the Hunters Hill LGA into the LGA further west was rejected based on the lack of shared values and issues with communities further west. This current proposal to merge this part of the North Sydney electorate with the federal seat of Bennelong would seem to mirror this previous unsuccessful effort.

As a member of the North Sydney electorate, I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney. I ask the AEC to reconsider its draft proposal.

Yours faithfully

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