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Comment to the Objection #OB686 (to the proposal to abolish the electorate of North Sydney_

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to comment (and support) the objection lodged by Kylie Tink (noted above).

As a concerned resident and voter, I agree that this decision will have significant negative impacts on democratic representation, community cohesion, and the ability to address local issues effectively.

North Sydney represents a distinct community with unique interests, cultural ties, and historical significance. The abolition of this electorate would disrupt community cohesion and undermine our local identity.

Moreover, the specific needs and issues of our community are unlikely to be addressed if North Sydney electorate suburbs are merged with the adjoining electorates of Bradfield, Bennelong and Warringah. These electorates are dissimilar in demographics and do not share a business hub of the size and importance to the Australian economy of the current North Sydney electorate.

Many of our local suburbs have significant growth forecast over the next 5 years, with the state government forecasting an additional 29,000 homes in just one of the four LGA's in the next 10 years. How can an area of such high growth and historic importance be divided up and spread between 3 quite different adjoining electorates.

I urge the Electoral Commission to reconsider this proposal and to retain the North Sydney electorate to preserve fair representation, community cohesion, and effective local governance.

Yours sincerely,

Bronwyn Pott