



## Comment on objections 143

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## To the Redistribution Committee

I write to object to the draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution and instead I support:

Keeping the divisions of both Warringah and North Sydney, and Zali Steggall and Kylea Tink's objections submissions to the proposed redistribution

I have lived in Mosman for 31 years and although I did become involved with politics early on, it was very much on the fringes.

It has only been in the last 6 years that I have felt fully part of and able to contribute to the democracy of which we are so proud in Australia. Zali Steggall has engendered a feeling of belonging and loyalty so important in a community.

It began with the campaign to elect a new member of Warringah, that truly made me feel to be contributing to the whole process. Since then I have been kept informed, asked to participate, my efforts appreciated and accepted as part of a cohesive movement. The impact on my life and on so many others has been significant, truly democracy at work.

In 2022, North Sydney benefited from a similar movement and the successes of Warringah were shared with North Sydney, to a successful conclusion.

The election of independent federal members for these areas has strengthened and engaged these communities in a way not seen for many years.

My concern is that the proposed changes will eliminate one independent and could severely impact on the other. As a result we could revert back to members whose priority is to party with only peripheral concern with the communities they serve.

I ask that these electoral boundaries remain unchanged

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