



Comment on Objections 189

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To the Australian Electoral Commission, I am writing to comment on the objections the AEC have received for the NSW federal redistribution, with a specific focus on the proposed redistribution and elimination of the seat of North Sydney.

I strongly support a number of objections that relate to retaining North Sydney, and note the extensive number of objections that were opposed to the changes proposed for North Sydney.

Specifically I support OB686 by Kylea Tink, MP for North Sydney. In addition to highlighting the serious questions about the growth projections for North Sydney and the very negative effects on the communities of interest in North Sydney, that proposal includes an alternate proposal which I strongly support. My original objection (OB273) focussed on my experience previously living in Bradfield and North Sydney; and with that background I understand and support the sense and the validity of the alternate proposal.

I also support OB719, OB729, and OB720. Each of these objections highlights again and again questions and serious concerns about the growth projections used in the AEC numbers. They all also explain how the community of interest test will not be met by implementing the proposed changes, and how devastating that will be to the established and fully functioning communities of interest in North Sydney. In OB729 another alternative proposal is also suggested, with a similar but slightly different approach to the one in OB686.

We in the community are looking for effective representation of our interests in the federal parliament. There is grave concern that pulling our electorate apart in three separate directions will not go anywhere close to giving us the effective representation we expect or that we currently have.

I respectfully request that the AEC reconsiders its proposal to eliminate the seat of North Sydney and assess the serious objections and alternate proposals presented to achieve its goals.

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