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Attention: The Australian Electoral Committee

Objection 686 by Kylea Tink MP (total 97 pages, including 2,007 signature petition)

Regarding the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) draft proposal to abolish the Federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution

Dear Committee Members

Thank you for your time in considering our comment of support for Objection 686.

Given the premise of the AEC's draft proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney is primarily based on elector population, the Federal Member for North Sydney's objection:

- Soundly **brings into question the outdated population statistics used by the AEC in their determination** – which goes to the very nexus of the AEC's proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney.
- Provides instead, **current population growth indications for the electorate** – which soundly support retaining North Sydney.
- After exhaustive review, **proffers sensible and equitable workable changes to other electorates instead of North Sydney** – achieving a comparable end objective for the AEC, whilst still allowing the retention of North Sydney.

Crucially, **the AEC cannot ignore Objection 686's laser focus on the thousands of people who have made their objections to the current draft proposal, heard loud** - directly to their Federal Member, via their own objections to the AEC, and / or by signing the 'Save North Sydney' petition.

For the above reasons, we fully endorse Objection 686 and respectfully request the Commission to reconsider and redact the current draft proposal.

Thank you for your time in reading our comment of support for Objection 686.

With impassioned regards

Alison and Derek Hamill

Electors in the Federal Seat of North Sydney