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Dear Committee members

Submission re the New South Wales federal electoral redistribution – NORTH SYDNEY

I live in, and jointly own with my husband, [REDACTED], which is in the Federal Electorate of North Sydney.

I understand that the North Sydney electorate will need to increase its enrolment quota to satisfy the new quota for both 2025 and 2028 elections.

I have read and fully endorse the proposal of North Sydney's current member of the Federal Parliament, Kylea Tink MP, in her submission to the Committee dated 24 October 2023.

In summary, Kylea Tink has recommended 'that the current boundary of the division of North Sydney be retained and increase the projected number of electors by expanding north and east. To the move north, the Division would absorb the balance of the Willoughby Local Government Area ('LGA') and the move east would absorb the balance of North Sydney LGA, whilst the other boundaries within the Division are retained.'

The effect of this simple adjustment would be to see the projected number of electors increase by 20,271 electors, easily satisfying the enrolment for both 2025 and 2028 elections.

The advantage of including in the North Sydney Division the rest of Willoughby LGA to the north of the North Sydney electorate and the rest of the North Sydney LGA to the east would mean the Division would be made up of the two LGAs thereby not only maintaining but improving community of interest and social cohesion within the Division.

To the north it would mean that Chatswood, a major commercial hub, would not be split in two as at present and the peninsula suburb of Castle Cove would be included in the Division together with the other three peninsula suburbs of Middle Cove, Castlecrag and Northbridge with which, being peninsular suburbs each with a large amount of bushland, they share much in common.

To the east, Neutral Bay would return to the Division. As it is in the North Sydney LGA the residents share a greater community of interest with the Division than they do with Warringah that is primarily a Northern Beaches electorate.

Living in Castlecrag, I would be most unhappy if Castlecrag became a part of a Division such as Bradfield to the north or Bennelong to the west. My reasons include:

- Shopping: My main shopping centres are Chatswood and North Sydney (especially its weekend markets);
- Theatre and Music: I frequently attend the Chatswood Concourse and at North Sydney, the Ensemble and the Independent Theatre.
- Schools: A large number of Castlecrag children when not attending the more local schools, attend private schools at North Sydney or Kirribilli including Monte St Angelo, Loretto Kirribilli, Aloysius at Milsons Pt, Shore at North Sydney and Marist Brothers, North Sydney.
- Recreation: Castlecrag children's sport activities tend to be centred around North Sydney, St Leonards, Willoughby, Northbridge and Chatswood. Castlecrag residents tend to be boaties, sharing launching ramps and marinas between Northbridge and North Sydney. Many residents do regular bushwalks and bushcare activities that are largely organised by either Willoughby City Council or North Sydney Council.
- Health and Medical: In Castlecrag we are well served by two excellent hospitals, Royal North Shore Hospital at St Leonards and the Mater Hospital at North Sydney.
- Friends and family: Most live between North Sydney and Chatswood.
- Public Transport: By train from Artarmon or Chatswood Stations and by bus from Castlecrag.

Over the past 10 years I've not been to say Ryde or Gordon or Killara other than driving through to go further west or north respectively.

I do so hope and trust that the northern and eastern boundaries of the North Sydney Federal electorate can be expanded to include the whole of Willoughby LGA and North Sydney LGA respectively.

Yours sincerely

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