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Submission to retain North Sydney as a federal seat.

I have been living in North Sydney since 1986 and now own a beautiful sand stone cottage about 140 years old. I also have been a bush carer for more than 15 years and deeply appreciate the community gardens and the multicultural mix in our community events. The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity, I couldn't believe my ears when I heard that it should be abolished. Please don't do that !!

My special pride was given to Ted Macks outstanding government and the following independent Majors and now Kylie Tink. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago. Many families have lived in the area for several generations, and are proud to have been represented by a prime minister, a treasurer and independent trailblazer Ted Mack.

It is telling that we were one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home.

We deserve an independent voice in the Federal Government !!

Yours sincerely,

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