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Objection 173

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OBJECTION TO THE ABOLITION OF NORTH SYDNEY AS AN ELECTORATE

Dear Electoral Commissioners,

This submission is against the abolition of the seat of North Sydney.

You will receive lots of other detailed submissions with cogent and important points like:

- strongly growing population
- strong cultural and historical identity
- strong sense of connected community.

These are all true, and I urge you to listen to them.

My reason is different though:

- **I feel like I “belong” here like nowhere before – you are removing my sense of place.**

My family and I have lived in three different electoral regions – Reid, Bradfield and North Sydney. This is by far the strongest sense of community and connection we personally have experienced.

By way of example, in this electorate, the Lane Cove Community Voice publishes a weekly district newspaper that tells you everything that’s happening in the area (not just Lane Cove) – it’s volunteer run and it’s incredibly informative – it connects people. This doesn’t exist in the other two electorates.

I live in Longueville, I belong to a church in Kirribilli, I play golf and do my grocery shopping in Lane Cove, I go to restaurants in Crows Nest, I have my car serviced in Artarmon, I have coffee in Gladesville – ALL in the one electorate – North Sydney.

This region has a strong and connected sense of place.

It’s nothing like the strength of feeling that Indigenous Australians have for their “country”, but it’s the same concept – I feeling of connectedness that brings purpose and identity.

There is something that connects these suburbs and people together that is special and different to anything I’ve experienced before.

Please don’t take it away from my family and the rest of the people who live in this electorate.

Best regards,

Bruce Burgess

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