



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 181

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**TO: Australian Electoral Commission  
NSW Redistribution Committee.**

**RE: Amalgamation of North Sydney Federal Electorate**

To the Redistribution Committee:

I am writing as a constituent of the Federal Seat of North Sydney where I have lived for 25 years. I encourage the AEC to reconsider its draft proposal to incorporate North Sydney in the surrounding electorates, thus ending North Sydney's history as one of NSW's earliest Commonwealth Electorates.

It is my understanding that population growth in North Sydney is projected to exceed estimates put forward by the AEC. North Sydney boasts a balanced mix of residential and commercial accommodation. I include Chatswood, my suburb, in this mix. St Leonards and Crows Nest likewise.

In Chatswood I have access to every conceivable professional & commercial service, on foot, from my front door. We are spoiled for public transport and as a result public transport is extremely well utilised.

North Sydney has the third largest CBD in Australia. Chatswood has its own bustling CBD.

The Electorate of North Sydney boasts an energetic and diverse population, offering numerous community groups providing a multitude of activities - cultural, sporting, educational, including those offered by local government and volunteer groups.

The election of Kylea Tink MP to North Sydney in 2022 was the finest example of the electorate's commitment to community representation, with an estimated 1000 volunteers putting up their hands to introduce local resident Kylea to our Electorate, thus forging incredible friendships throughout the campaign and beyond. Kylea had no prior political aspirations. She was approached by a local community group to consider standing. Kylea has stressed throughout that 'her' volunteers drove the process. I cannot think of a better example of North Sydney's unique community in action.

Has the EAC considered the future of an MP whose electorate is proposed for redistribution?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal.

Sincerely

Leigh Etherden