



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 235

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Northbridge.
(Federal Seat of North Sydney)
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Dear AEC,

Objection to the proposed redistribution and subsequent abolishment of the Federal seat of North Sydney.

- I have lived in this electorate since 1972, in a couple of different suburbs, as has my family.
- Part of the present community's identity is the fact that this seat stretches back in history 123 years and was one of the 75 original federal seats/divisions. This is something to be proud, to be treasured and to be kept. Both Ted Mack and John Howard have been my Parliamentary representatives. Ted Mack made representation on my behalf for a matter which was favourably resolved.
- Ted Mack has been specifically noteworthy; he stood successfully as an Independent when such were not in vogue. In 2022, this was repeated when the Independent Kylea Tink was elected to the Federal Seat of North Sydney. The cohesiveness of this very diverse electorate has been amply demonstrated, most recently when in the 2023 referendum, the electorate voted in favour of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.
- Amalgamation with presumably the seat of Bradfield (in my case), would represent a **definite loss** of the cohesion I experienced with my fellow Lower North Shore residents. We have worked together successfully on several projects, none of which would be of interest or concern to the residents of the electorate of Bradfield (or elsewhere). Successful representations have been made at the local level to Willoughby Council and to State and Federal MP's, namely State M.P.s Ms Gladys Berejiklian and Mr Tim James as well as the former Federal Minister Mr Trent Zimmerman. All of this demonstrates the importance of representation by **a dedicated local member**.
- The business centre and industrial zones of North Sydney have little in common with business precincts in Bradfield (or elsewhere). North Sydney is the third (3rd) largest business centre in Australia. It deserves and warrants the services of a dedicated local member. **The proposed amalgamation would result in a geographical area of extremely different business requirements, too large and too diverse to be effectively represented by a single Member of Parliament.**
- The situation of the current housing shortfall/crisis, must also be addressed with respect to future representation for the present Federal seat of North Sydney. The NSW State Government plans to have 5,900 new homes built just in the LGA of North Sydney. This massive increase in necessary homes will be replicated in the other three (3) LGA's of the current federal seat of North Sydney. This would result in more than 24,000 new homes in the area in question. How many residents would there be per home? The answer for the increase in resident numbers is probably in excess of 100,000 people. This tally does not take into account other new residents moving into the Federal Seat of North Sydney's various areas and suburbs.
- **All of these people, as well as existing residents, deserve representation by a dedicated local member, and not by someone trying to do magical tricks with an area too large, too unwieldy and too diverse, to be successfully represent by any one person.**
- The abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney would indeed be a grave mistake; a decision which would be a retrograde step and a decision which, in the future, would have to be reversed.

Thankyou for your consideration of the legitimate points I have raised. There are many more; brevity is necessary.

Yours faithfully,
(Ms) Joan Thurecht.

