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The Australian Electoral Commission
Locked Bag 4007
Canberra ACT 2601

Attn: NSW Redistribution Secretariat

I am writing to lodge a formal objection to the draft plan to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney. As a resident, I am deeply concerned about the impact this proposal will have on our community.

The current seat of North Sydney truly represents the community where I live, work, network with other business owners, attend exercise classes and spend most of my leisure time. This area is not just a collection of suburbs; it is a cohesive community. I shop in this area, walk in the reserves, and support the businesses that thrive here. The bonds we have formed within North Sydney are strong, and the community spirit is palpable.

North Sydney's significance is further highlighted by the fact that we were one of a handful of electorates to vote "yes" in the recent referendum. This reflects our community's progressive values and our desire for representation that truly understands and advocates for our needs.

We are represented by an independent member, which speaks volumes about our community's values and desire for a representative who can voice our concerns without party constraints. This unique representation would be lost if our community were fragmented and absorbed into the electorates of Warringah, Bradfield, or Bennelong. These electorates do not share the same community ties, local natural locations, or unique identity that North Sydney does.

The proposal to dissolve North Sydney and distribute its voters to other electorates risks diluting our community's voice and undermines the representation that accurately reflects our needs and values. I urge the Electoral Redistribution Committee to reconsider this draft plan and retain North Sydney as a federal seat.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Stanley
Local business owner and resident