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Objection 313

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Subject: Objection to the Abolition of the seat of North Sydney

Attn: The Australian Electoral Commission

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed abolition of the federal seat of North Sydney. As a concerned citizen and resident of this vibrant community, I believe that dismantling this historic seat would be detrimental to our collective interests and heritage.

Allow me to present several compelling arguments against the abolition:

1. Community of Interest:

- North Sydney is more than just a geographical area; it is a community with shared interests, concerns, and aspirations. I live in Waverton, shop in Crows Nest, visit family in Wollstonecraft and work in North Sydney. Residents here have forged strong bonds over generations, and our local identity is deeply intertwined with the seat itself. Abolishing it would sever these ties and dilute our sense of belonging

2. Preserving a Community Voice:

- The federal seat of North Sydney has been a conduit for our community's voice in national affairs, especially reflected in the last federal election when we changed our representative to an independent one, Kylea Tink. Our elected representative has tirelessly advocated for our unique needs, whether it's infrastructure investment, healthcare, or education. Losing this seat would mean losing a direct line of communication to Canberra—a voice that has historically championed our interests.

3. Incorrect Population Forecasting:

- The argument for abolition often rests on population figures, but these can be misleading. The signs are everywhere of the growing population of the area, with state government-mandated increases in housing density along the transport corridors, especially with the impending opening of two new metro stations in the area, the expansion of school capacities and the continual and very visible building of medium and high-density housing.

4. Heritage and Original Federation Seat:

- North Sydney holds a special place in Australian history. It was one of the original federation seats, representing our nation's birth and democratic ideals. Abolishing it would be akin to erasing a chapter from our shared story. We should honor this heritage by preserving the seat and allowing it to continue its legacy.

In conclusion, I implore you to reconsider the proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney. Let us not sacrifice our community's voice, heritage, and identity on the altar of administrative convenience. Instead, let's celebrate our past, advocate for our present, and secure a brighter future for North Sydney.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

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