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# Objection 314

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## Subject: Objection to the Abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney

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### The Australian Electoral Commission

Dear AEC,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed abolition of the federal seat of North Sydney, a place I live, work and play. As a concerned citizen and resident of this area, I believe that this decision would have detrimental effects on our community and representation.

- 1. Incorrect Population Forecasting:** The proposal to abolish North Sydney fails to consider the accurate population growth projections for our region. As A teacher at North Sydney Demonstration School. which has just completed a massive capital works expansion, I am well informed of the evidence that public schools in the area are expanding in anticipation of greater student numbers, forecast in NSW government data projections. Disregarding this crucial data undermines the democratic process and denies residents fair representation into the future.
- 2. Growing Size of Crows Nest and North Sydney:** The vibrant neighborhoods of Crows Nest and North Sydney are experiencing significant growth. The establishment of two new Metro stations is a testament to this development. Abolishing the seat would ignore the unique needs and interests of our thriving community.
- 3. Demographic Differences:** North Sydney differs significantly from the Northern Beaches in terms of demographics, economic activities, and urban dynamics. Our area deserves dedicated representation that understands these nuances and can advocate effectively on our behalf.
- 4. Federation Electorate:** North Sydney holds a special place in Australian history. In 1900, It was proclaimed as one of the original 75 seats federation seats, representing our nation's birth and democratic ideals. It has a proud history of independent representation, from Ted Mack to Kylie Tink. Furthermore, it was the first electorate to elect the first openly LGTBI member of the House of Representatives and has held by former Prime Ministers and treasures. Removing 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 light of these reasons, I urge you to reconsider the proposal and preserve the federal seat of North Sydney. Our community deserves a voice in federal matters, and abolishing the seat would be a disservice to its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take our concerns into account during the decision-making process.

Sincerely,  
Matt Johnson