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Re Proposed Electoral Redistribution

I live in Northbridge in the electorate of North Sydney. My location will be absorbed into the electorate of Bradfield.

I have read the rationale for the proposed redistribution and looked at the information about the size of the area and the description of the current electorates of both Bradfield and North Sydney. I also understand the projected enrolment quota system.

My objection to the redistribution is that by being absorbed into a much larger electorate my area is being split and then recombined with areas that have quite different needs. I am concerned that the needs of my area will not be well represented in parliament, and it is unlikely that our elected member of parliament will have an adequate knowledge of the broad needs and concerns of constituents in this area.

At the last Federal election, North Sydney voters chose a Teal independent. In the size of the current electorate she brings local knowledge as a resident and so is able to have an extensive knowledge of her electorate. As a result she advocates effectively on our behalf on a range of national and local issues that she clearly outlined in her election campaign.

In a larger electorate created by the redistribution I believe our choice of candidate would once again be reduced, and advocacy on our behalf, and on national issues important to the electorate, would be much less effective.

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