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My name is Fran Cumming, and I am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney from Willoughby. My family and I have lived here since 1991, and we feel a strong connection to the communities and schools here. For example, I am a volunteer on the Lane Cove Concert Bands Inc and both myself and my husband play in multiple bands which serve the local people of Lane Cove and Chatswood.

Our daughters attended Willoughby Girls High School and our son attended St. Pius at Chatswood. My husband and I volunteered at both schools.

The reasons I do not want the seat of North Sydney abolished are: -

1. Population growth: The population across our electorate is growing rapidly but the AEC's proposal does not account for this growth. For example, the NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029. If that growth is replicated across the four LGAs currently contained in the federal seat that would see more than 24,000 new homes built across our community. By 2036, North Sydney council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area. To abolish North Sydney now is a total lack of planning.
2. The Business Community – North Sydney's business centre is the third-largest in Australia with a total of 28,000 small to medium businesses whose needs do not overlap entirely with those of the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong or Warringah.
- 3 North Sydney was one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home. And we are home to several active and competitive sports teams, including two of the

largest community-based sporting organisations in the state. This is proof that we have a close and engaged community.

4. History - The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago.”

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact, with minimal changes to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

Yours faithfully,

Fran Cumming

 Willoughby, 2068.

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