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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Subject: Draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution

My name is Edward Doraisamy, and I am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney from Cammeray. My family and I have lived here since 1997, and we feel a strong connection to the communities and schools here. All my children when to Cammeray Public School and subsequently to St Aloysius College in Milson's Point and Monte Sant Angelo College in North Sydney. In addition, I also worked in North Sydney CBD.

I do not believe that the seat of North Sydney should be abolished because:

North Sydney is a well-established and high functioning community.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation. It is telling that we were 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. This was achieved because we are a tight network of community minded individuals.

North Sydney is in fact growing!

The AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney does not consider existing and future population growth numbers inside our electorate. The AEC has failed to consult appropriate sources for future growth numbers, including state and local planning policies, the number of developments under construction and the number of developments in the pipeline for future construction.

Two examples of what has not been considered:

1. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029.
2. North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036.

It does not make sense to propose to split the high-growth area around St Leonards and Crows Nest into three separate electorates.

123 Years of 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 am a proud member of the North Sydney community. I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal 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.

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