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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 452

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## Objection to the abolition of the North Sydney Electorate

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a constituent of the present North Sydney Electorate, I strongly object to the proposed abolition of this seat. The North Sydney Electorate was established at the foundation of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is recognised as including the third largest business district of N.S.W., namely the business district of North Sydney which is tied to the central business district of the City of Sydney by the landmark Sydney Harbour Bridge as well as major rail and motorways.

The communities that the electorate includes are diverse and multicultural but who hold strong but common convictions involving Aboriginal rights and their need for self-determination (as seen by the very strong vote for yes in the recent Referendum for an Aboriginal Voice to parliament), for Action on Climate change and for accountability for our federal politicians by electing a so-called Teal Independent as our representative to Canberra, at the last federal electorate. The proposed redistribution will include transfer of its constituents into some seats where the communities do not share these aspirations.

This electorate is growing in constituents rather than shrinking. It appears that the anticipated increase in both residences and people moving into the present electorate has not been appreciated in the proposed abolition. The North Sydney council is anticipating that in the next 12 years its constituents will increase by nearly 20,000 residents. The new metro stations opening shortly from Chatswood through Crows Nest and onto the new North Sydney Victoria station and Barangaroo will launch a massive increase in new housing development adjacent to this metro line. Why abolish a seat with such a massive growth projection? In a few years you will be required to re-establish a new seat or perform a dramatic redistributions of the surrounding seats in a very short time frame.

As somebody who has lived on the lower North Shore almost all my life, attended North Sydney Technical High School and North Sydney Boys High for my secondary schooling I know the worth of the communities within the North Sydney Electorate and the need for continuing Federal representation of this area by a member for North Sydney, not Warringah, not Bradfield and not Bennelong.

I most strongly object to the proposed abolition of my electorate and would encourage a more enlightened redistribution proposal that maintains this foundation Electorate within our great democracy.

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