



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 457

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To: New South Wales augmented Electoral Commission

Date: 9 July 2024

RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is James Christie. I have lived in the Federal seat of North Sydney since 1994. My children went to school here and I have spent much of my work life within the boundaries of this seat. We have been involved politically at all levels of government and actively involved in local and community affairs.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation. It has a population that is politically motivated and has voted in independents on 2 occasions, initially with Ted Mack and more recently Kylea Tink. We are a tight network of community minded individuals. The electorate is relatively cohesive and all parts have similar interests.

**Growth:**

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.

There is massive redevelopment going on in the Crows Nest/St Leonards region. The population will have increased within the current boundaries by 2038 such that another redistribution for this area will likely need to be done by that time. It does not appear that the current proposal has considered this.

The peak high-growth area around St Leonards and Crows Nest will be split into three separate electorates by the proposed redevelopment. This makes no sense and in itself should be enough to make this proposal fail.

**Community:**

The North Sydney community has unique characteristics and needs that might not be adequately addressed if its residents are absorbed into neighbouring electorates. Furthermore the networks, connections, sporting groups, businesses, community groups, schools and transport lines are intrinsically linked within the current North Sydney electorate. The lower north has less in common with the pre-existing seat of Bennelong where my part of the electorate will be absorbed.

Maintaining the seat ensures continuity in addressing long-term projects and community goals and is important economically given North Sydney is the third largest business centre in Australia and the significant economic corridor that runs through the electorate.

I am a long time and 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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