



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 499

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The Australian Electoral Commission,

Attention: NSW Redistribution Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed North Sydney Electorate redistribution

North Sydney is an historical area of Sydney and this electorate was established at Federation. Our community is proud of our history and location and we are a close-knit group from all of the suburbs in our electorate.

Our electorate voted strongly for a Yes in the Referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. There was a united positive feeling during the lead up and a united disappointment at the result. Our residents vote according to their conscience not because they support a particular political party.

North Sydney is obviously growing at a fast pace – new apartment buildings, new schools, cranes on the skyline of Crows Nest, St Leonards, Lane Cove and North Sydney. I urge the AEC 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.

The repercussions of the abolishment will also compromise effective representation by an elected Federal MP, to the disadvantage of the existing members of North Sydney. Our electorate has unique socioeconomic characteristics and needs that might not be adequately addressed if its residents are absorbed into neighbouring electorates. Furthermore, all networks, connections, organisations, social case works, etc are intrinsically linked by being part of this community since 1901. Maintaining the seat ensures continuity in addressing long-term projects and community goals.

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 respectfully request for it to remain intact.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Yours sincerely

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