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Objection 512

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To: New South Wales augmented Electoral Commission

Date: 10 July 2024

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Roslyn Bell and I have lived in the North Sydney electorate for over 60 years, having lived in Willoughby as a child and moved to Lane Cove as an adult. I have a strong connection to the electorate as I shop in Lane Cove, Willoughby and Chatswood and attend the Anglican church in Willoughby.

My daughter went to school in Greenwich and played Netball in Willoughby and basketball in Crows Nest. We have a strong affinity to the area and I often cycle to Kirribilli and Waverton on the weekends.

I have no affinity to the electorate of Benelong as I rarely go to the area.

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

Population growth - The population right across our electorate is growing rapidly but the AEC's proposal does not account for this growth. Eg. St Leonards South is an area that has plans to construct 2,400 home units in the next 5 years. There is also major construction in Chatswood on the Pacific Hwy.

North Sydney council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036.

Cohesive community - there is a very strong sense of community in the North Sydney electorate which was evident in the last federal election where the community came together to form one of the Independent Teal seats in Parliament.

We also came together as a community to vote an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum.

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 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

Roslyn Bell

