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To whom it may concern,

I am a previous resident of Middle Cove in the electorate of North Sydney. I also have long-standing family ties to the electorate.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed redistribution of the electorate as outlined in the recent electoral boundary review. I believe that the proposed changes would have detrimental effects on the community and should not proceed for the following reasons:

- 1. Community Cohesion:** The current boundaries of North Sydney electorate have been in place for a significant period of time and have fostered a sense of community identity and cohesion among residents. Redrawing these boundaries risks disrupting these established community ties.
- 2. Population Growth:** The North Sydney LGA is growing rapidly as are other LGAs contained in the federal electorate. Abolishing the electorate now risks simply having to re-establish it in the near future.
- 3. Impact on Local Issues:** North Sydney faces unique local issues such as urban planning, infrastructure development, and environmental concerns. A redrawn electorate may not adequately reflect these specific local needs and could lead to a lack of focus on issues critical to our community.
- 4. Historical Context:** North Sydney is a long established seat that was contested in Australia's first federal election. Its boundaries should not be altered without clear and compelling reasons that benefit the electorate as a whole.

In conclusion, I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed redistribution of the electorate of North Sydney and to, instead, leave the electorate intact with possible changes to accommodate the overall number of electors in NSW.

Thank you for considering my objections on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Chey

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10 July 2024