



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 520

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Objections for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution

My name is Elaine Elliott.

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution of the Division of North Sydney.

I have lived in the North Sydney Electorate, and the North Sydney Council area, for 50 years. I lived in Cremorne for 8 years, then Cammeray for 40 years and now in Crows Nest for the past 2 years.

I identify strongly with this area for many reasons including social, political, and occupational reasons.

Over this time I have been very involved with the Cammeray Public School; my son's local sporting teams. I taught at Bradfield College, and I have worked from an office in Cammeray.

I have also been involved over many years in supporting and working with our local members at federal, state and local levels, starting with Ted Mack.

The Division of North Sydney is one of the original federal electorates established in 1901 at the commencement of Federation. It is therefore a highly significant electorate from an historical point of view.

North Sydney has a unique character with its busy and extensive CBD, its tight knit communities, its many educational institutions and its long-standing historic background.

We are one of the few electorates who have voted for independent representation – with Ted Mack and now Kylea Tink.

We are also one of the few electorates which voted YES in the referendum for the Voice.

I am very concerned that the redistribution will see the interests of North Sydney being split and taking a back seat to the interests of constituents in other electoral divisions which have been well- established over many years. It will be difficult for elected representatives to re-focus on and meet the needs of a few more new and distinct group of constituents.

I strongly request that the North Sydney electoral division not be split over three different electoral divisions. It should encompass the entire local government area, in keeping with the comment in your document "Redistribution of New South Sales into electoral divisions" (May 2024) on page 42 –

In complying with the requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee also sought the to apply the following principles in developing the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions:

- *Communities of interest represented by local government areas and localities are kept together ... where possible.*

This has not been done for the North Sydney local government area.

I understand that the reason for the redistribution is because the population of the electorate is growing at a slower rate than other areas of the country.

This seems to be rather short-sighted considering the current strong push by the Minns Labor Government to increase housing density around transport hubs such as the Metro station at Crows Nest, as well as other stations on the North Shore railway line, namely Roseville, Lindfield, Killara and Gordon. This will mean that the population of the North Sydney local government area will increase significantly over the coming 10 years.

I therefore respectfully request that the proposed redistribution designed to eliminate the North Sydney electorate be reconsidered and cancelled.

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