



Objection 526

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The NSW Redistribution Committee

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

My name is Kathy Bisits. I live in Cammeray and am a resident in the Federal seat of North Sydney. I have lived here with my husband and children since 1976. We have always worked in the North sydney electorate in architectural practices and for many years in our own practice. Now as retirees we have kept our strong connection to the area through friendships and community work.

I am very disappointed to hear that the seat of North Sydney may be abolished in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution and strongly believe there are compelling reasons to retain the seat as follows:

- 1 The population of the North Sydney electorate is expected to grow as a result of the North Sydney Council's 2036 PLan and recent NSW Housing Reforms 2029 Plan. North Sydney Council anticipates the population to grow by 27% The population in other Councils in the electorate are also expected to grow by 2029 with Lane cove increasing by 20% and Willoughby Councils by 14%. With this increase in population it is highly likely that there will be another redistribution in five years.
- 2 North Sydney is the heart of the North Sydney electorate. It is a city and identifies as a city having the third largest business community in Australia and all the services and shopping facilities that go with a city.North Sydney is more than a suburban electorate, it is a city electorate that serves business as much as residents. Absorbing North Sydney into an adjoining electorate could diminish its role and the amount of assistance that businesses need.
- 3 Like many residents of North Sydney, I identify with the electorate. I know that my local member knows and understands this. We are a densely populated urban harbourside electorate with a diverse cultural population. We are not a beachside electorate nor are we an upper north shore electorate. We have a different history and different wants and needs. We have a proud history we would like to retain

For the reasons above we strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish and redistribute the seat of North Sydney. We request for it to remain intact, with minimal changes to accommodate changes in overall number of electors in NSW.

Yours Sincerely

Kathy Bisits and Michael Bauer

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