



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 554

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I write in support of option A as set out in Suggestion 42 by Zali Steggall MP to maintain the northern boundaries of the Warringah electorate and minimise the impact on North Sydney by pushing the south/western boundaries of the division of Warringah to the Warringah Freeway only.

As a community member residing in Forestville, I am concerned that the suggestions proposing abolishing either Warringah or North Sydney are politically motivated rather than focussed on accommodating expected growth, keeping together or improving representation of existing communities of interest and use of readily identifiable features.

Both the divisions of North Sydney and Warringah are engaged and politically active communities, that have helped shape the political landscape in the 2019 and 2022 Federal Elections. These engaged communities are critical and will help grow the interest and debate and improve representation of existing communities of interest.

It is imperative that the composition of the House of Representatives accurately reflects the Australian population and upholds principles of gender equality and diversity. I am concerned that the current AEC proposal includes the abolition of two electorates represented by women, which does not align with the diversity of our society. I do not support either the divisions of Warringah or North Sydney being considered to be abolished.

In respect to North Sydney - I consider an improved solution would be for boundary of the electorate of North Sydney to move in a north westerly direction to Chatswood as set out in the Suggestion 22 from Kylea Tink MP and an outer metropolitan division be abolished instead, and its electors shared amongst surrounding electorates

I respectfully submit that this proposal delivers a better boundary redistribution, accommodates the differing rates of growth, and decline across New South Wales, keeps together, and improves representation of existing communities of interest and uses strong and readily identifiable features as electoral boundaries to the extent possible.

Kind regards

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