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To: New South Wales augmented Electoral Commission

Date: 11th of
July 2024

RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

North Sydney is an electorate which has previously been targeted for new electoral boundaries for reasons totally opposite to those your decision to again target it for again new boundaries. It is a well-established, clearly unique politically and socially engaged and high functioning community reliant on the voice it holds within its current existing community electoral boundary.

North Sydney has been a federal seat since federation- please take your hands off its boundaries and look elsewhere to new populations instead. It is telling that we were one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. That is something so few people engaged or unengaged communities could do. This was achieved because we are an electoral boundary aligned very tight network of caring and socially aware community minded individuals.

North Sydney as an electorate ensured it was strong in its choice at the referendum, past elections and importantly is finding strength increasingly as it continues to grow! The AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney does not consider existing and future population growth numbers inside our electorate. Nor it's clearly motivated people's and political electoral reps. The AEC has failed to consult appropriate sources for future growth numbers, including state and local planning policies, the number of developments under construction and the number of developments in the pipeline for future construction. Is there a comparison of what you have found in other electorates touted for boundary changes? Had you done so, we would not be on the list of possible electorates to be abolished. We are a winning community, active and committed to each other.

Two examples of what has not been considered:

1. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029. I invite you all to move your office and home to our area. It's the best.
2. North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036. Density of houses on blocks is growing more than ever also. One house traditionally was on one block. Now it's common to increasingly see two dwellings per block. We are of such interest more people want to live there.

Abolishment will lead to disadvantage.

The repercussions of the abolishment will also compromise effective representation by an elected Federal MP, to the disadvantage of the existing members of North Sydney. North

Sydney has unique socioeconomic characteristics and needs that might not be adequately addressed if its residents are absorbed into neighbouring, less cohesive electorates. Furthermore, all networks, connections, organisations, social case works, etc are intrinsically linked by being part of this community since 1901. Maintaining the seat ensures continuity in addressing long-term projects and community goals.

I am a proud member of the North Sydney community. I strongly oppose the draft remain intact.

proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain as is.

Stay well,

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