



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 596

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Australian Electoral Commission

I wish to strongly object to the proposed abolition of the federal seat of North Sydney for the following reasons:

1. It is a Federation electoral seat and in the 123 years has been an important institution in the political life of the people who live within the electorate. To redistribute our people to 3 different electorates is sociological vandalism. It threatens our sense of identity, community and social cohesion.
2. North Sydney is the cultural and social focus of our area and of our lives. I live in Castlecrag. I socialise and go to restaurants in the North Sydney, Crows Nest, Kirribilli area, swim at the North Sydney pool, belong to the Stanton Library, go to medical and dental practices in North Sydney and attend the North Sydney farmers market. My family live at Milsons Point and Waverly and we went to North Sydney schools. Our public transport routes, namely the bus take us to North Sydney where we connect with the trains and soon to be the new metro. My trips on public transport and by car always take me to North Sydney and the city. Warringah freeway is our local road.
3. I wish to vote for a federal elected representative who represents all the aspects of my social and cultural life not someone who lives 16 km away.
4. The area north of Castlecrag ie the seat of Bradfield is not socially and culturally relevant to me or others in my suburb.
The seat of Bradfield has nothing in common with the community concerns of my peninsula suburb, Castlecrag located on middle harbour. The harbour geographically binds North Sydney, Cammeray, Northbridge and Castlecrag and is a major focus of our political and environmental concerns. My only reason for travelling north is to exit the city on the M1.

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