



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 636

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To the AEC Redistribution Committee,

As a Manly resident and Warringah seat constituent, I strongly object to the proposed redistribution, and in particular the proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney, or to remove entire suburbs from the northern division of the Warringah seat.

The last Federal elections have shown that the divisions of North Sydney and Warringah have communities that are engaged and politically active. A very large number of communities members have worked very hard to allow the election of a female independent MP in North Sydney and the reelection of Zali Stegall in Warringah. Increased communities participation in the shaping of our political landscape, resulting in increased gender equality and diversity in the Parliament should be welcome, and the suggestion that either seats could be abolished feel politically motivated. Surely, accommodating the differing rates of population growth and decline across NSW can be done without making communities members feel disenfranchised.

The seat of North Sydney shouldn't be abolished, instead its northern boundaries should be altered in order to increase the number of voters.

In my last submission, I argued that the northern part of Dee Why should be including in the Warringah division. No other Northern Beaches suburbs (Forestville, Killarney Height) should be removed from the Warringah seat.

On the Lower North Shore, allowing the Warringah division to expand only to the Warringah Freeway would increase the number of voters for Warringah, without impacting too much on the North Sydney division. Both Warringah and North Sydney seats should be kept.

Best regards