



Objection 654

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: The Proposed Plan by the Australian Electoral Commission to abolish the Federal Seat of North Sydney

I wish to express concern regarding the above mentioned proposals by the AEC both generally about abolishing/consolidating larger electoral boundaries regarding existing MP seats and about the abolition of the North Sydney seat in particular.

As I understand it, the draft plan detaches the residents of Northbridge from those of Naremburn; St Leonards from Crows Nest; Greenwich from Wollstonecraft; and Chatswood's CBD from its state schools.

The area covered by the local MP at North Sydney is already extensive, and the number of people under the MP remit has increased with the provision of nearly 7,000 new dwellings erected in the area in the last five years. Increased numbers reduces the capacity of Members to enable them to adequately address, resolve and implement solutions to those over which they have charge and responsibility. So, like many others, I fear that our sense of community and social cohesion will be lost in the boundary redistribution

With many major governmental policies that are slated to be addressed in the coming decades, it is vital that local MPs have the ability to do due diligence to attend to matters properly.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these points raised.

Yours sincerely

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