



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 658

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The Australian Electoral Commission
Locked Bag 4007,
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: OBJECTION
Proposal to Abolish the Division of North Sydney

I write in objection to the proposal to abolish the Federal Division of North Sydney.

The electorate of North Sydney has proven its value as representing a particular cohort of Sydney residents for over 100 years. The borders of the electorate are as they are today because within them is a cohort of people who identify very much with North Sydney and the Lower North Shore. We shop, swim, socialise and visit entertainment venues in the North Sydney electorate (and because of its proximity, Sydney City). We have an identity which is very different to those of surrounding Divisions.

We live COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LIVES to those who live in the beachside Electorate of Warringah and different lives again to those who live in Bennelong and Bradfield.

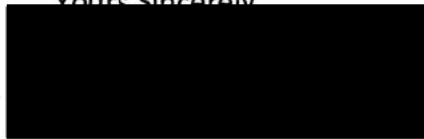
It is **ridiculous** to propose that we should be grouped with those who live **20 kilometres** away in Hornsby and even more ridiculous to suggest we should be grouped with those who live in Parramatta **30 kilometres away**. That is what the proposed new boundaries suggests. The people who reside in Hornsby and Mt Colah identify with their local area and the people who live in Parramatta identify as distinctly of their local area. Those who reside in the Division of North Sydney are a distinct population and this should be reflected in our parliamentary representation.

As it now stands the Division on North Sydney has a greater number of residents than adjoining electorates. Further, with the extensive residential development of the North Sydney, Crows Nest, St Leonards, Chatswood and elsewhere, large numbers of dwellings/residents will be added over the next few years.

In the local municipality of North Sydney alone 19,000 residents are expected over the next decade. This will be replicated in the now rezoned areas in St Leonards, Crows Nest and also in Chatswood. Clearly the population of the Division of North Sydney is growing rapidly. It is doing so by government decree.

It is entirely unreasonable for the AEC to propose to deprive residents of the Lower North Shore of representation by their elected resident representative, someone who understands their lives, their views, their concerns and aspirations. I therefore respectfully ask that you retain the Division of North Sydney. Further I ask that you move the electorate's northern border north to Boundary road to better reflect the wishes of the people who live in this area and to bring the border into line with the current local government boundary.

Yours Sincerely

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