



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 677

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The Australian Electoral Commission

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Subject: Draft proposal to abolish the Federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed redistribution in NSW 2024.

My name is Jill Brown. I have lived in the North Sydney electoral area for more than half my life – for the last 36 years in Waverton, and also previously in Wollstonecraft, Chatswood and Artarmon. I have a strong connection to the community in the area. I support businesses and services within this area.

I am one of the original members of the Waverton Hub – which draws membership not only from Waverton, but also from surrounding suburbs including Greenwich, Wollstonecraft, Crows Nest. This organisation has helped to develop a strong sense of community in members, who support each other to age in our homes, and to increase healthy activities, and develop friendships and support networks. For the ongoing health and engagement of the population, it is important to retain these connections and supports within these areas.

North Sydney is historically significant, as one of the 75 original seats which formed the original federation.

North Sydney houses the third largest business centre in Australia. That business community has been well served by our local members, and is an important part of the identity of the North Sydney electorate.

Population growth

The population of the North Sydney Electorate is planned to increase hugely. The state government plans for extensive housing development in the area – particularly around transport hubs. The Metro stations of Crows Nest and Victoria Cross (North Sydney) are due to open in August 2024, and huge residential developments are being planned and approved, and will be built in the areas surrounding these stations within the next few years. As the population in the area increases, the abolition of the North Sydney seat may need to be reversed in the near future.

I strongly oppose the abolition of the seat of North Sydney and request it be retained intact.

Thank you

Jill Brown

Waverton, 2060

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