



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 689

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NSW Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Plan to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney

As a resident of Artarmon, currently situated in the federal seat of North Sydney, I wish to object to the proposed abolition of this seat. I have lived here since early 1988 and have always identified with the Lower North Shore, and hence the seat of North Sydney. I feel part of that community and do not identify with residents of suburbs to the north in the seat of Bradfield.

I have much more in common with residents of North Sydney electorate, which is a cohesive and engaged community. Our Artarmon community has collaborated with neighbours to our south in campaigning against the now-cancelled Beaches Link Tunnel, and in trying to mitigate the impact of the changes to the Warringah Freeway on our local environment and traffic. We have shared interests in caring for our environment and our people. Our electorate was one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home.

Since the proposed redistribution of NSW was released, it has become clear that the NSW government's planning reforms will lead to much increased population growth in our electorate in the near future, particularly in the suburbs of North Sydney, Crows Nest and Chatswood, all of which have stations on the new metro line. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions, with 123 years of history since Federation. It would be a shame to abolish it, only to have to re-establish it again as our population grows faster than that of surrounding electorates.

I am proud to be one of the 51,392 people who voted for Kylea Tink in 2022, thus making our electorate one of the first inner city electorates to support independent representation. I ask you to consider Kylea Tink's proposal to retain a North Sydney seat with adjusted boundaries to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney and ask for it to remain, with minimal changes as required.

Yours faithfully
Judy Simpson