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To whom it my concern,

I would like to express my concern about the logic and lack of transparency around the decision to cancel the North Sydney electorate. I have searched for relevant information, and as far as I can tell, the justification is that Sydney has too many electorates (for reasons I cannot find an explanation for), it needs to get rid of 2-3 electorates (ditto), and North Sydney has been selected because its population is not increasing rapidly enough. The latter makes limited sense because the latter means (1) there are already a lot of people to represent - potentially more than the new expanding regions on the fringes (but we are not provided the statistics to justify this), and (2) there is lesser opportunity to expand relative to rapidly expanding regions in the outer suburbs. If there are reasonable, justifiable, and evidence-based reasons for why the electorate of North Sydney should be abolished, then I am sure the reasonable people of North Sydney would come on board. However, the lack of detailed and coherent explanation leaves one wondering whether this is politically motivated because all the major parties would be pleased to reduce the influence of Independent candidates whom are beyond their political influence. This is one reason why the reasonably people of North Sydney voted for an Independent.

I am very prepared to be directed to a clearly written piece of evidence-based information to change my mind about the proposal to abolish North Sydney as an electorate. Even better, this information should be shared widely with the community via the reputable media (eg ABC). Until this has been done, I can only remain opposed to the proposed abolition of North Sydney as an electorate since it appears to be politically motivated or supported. This perception discredits the electoral commission as a politically independent organisation.