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To: New South Wales augmented Electoral Commission

Date: 26 July 2024

RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed abolishment of the federal seat of North Sydney.

My reasons are as follows:

1. The AEC proposal overlooks the historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney. Since federation, North Sydney has been one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election. For this reason alone, the seat should be preserved rather than abolished..
2. The AEC's population estimates appear to be flawed as they do not consider recent infrastructure developments in transport and local planning policies.
3. The AEC's proposal disregards the existing unity and cohesiveness of the North Sydney seat, as evidenced by the recent electoral win by Ms. Kylea Tink. Abolishing this seat, recently won by an independent, seems to deny and remove residents of their "democratic" voice as expressed in the 2022 election results. In other words, "democracy" and North Sydney voters appear to be the loser if the AEC proposal goes ahead.
4. The AEC's proposal ignores over a hundred years of history and development that has seen this electorate grow, thrive, and identify with objectives and outcomes that have integrated transport modes, local government planning, businesses, schools, sporting groups, and community groups.
5. The history of North Sydney has been so successful that it has become the third-largest business centre in all of Australia. On this basis alone, there is no merit in abolishing the seat of North Sydney.
6. The AEC's proposal appears to disregard the economic consequences of breaking apart North Sydney and inserting those parts into neighbouring electorates that have differing planning and historical needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

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