



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 32

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Re: Proposed abolishment of the North Sydney electorate.

I am extremely disappointed by the news of the AEC's proposal to abolish the North Sydney electorate. Ours is one of the original 75 divisions with a strong history in our federal politics landscape. The people it represents have specific concerns and needs separate to that of Warringah, Bradfield and Bennelong, all of which do not understand nor reflect our needs. To simply merge us with existing electorates and thus potential representatives not from our area appears unfair and quite frankly odd.

It would be remiss of me to mention my concerns regarding the suggestions of redistribution from media outlets, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *The Weekend Australian*, all of whom have shown bias favouring particular major parties. It strikes me as cynical, if not intentional, that the residents of North Sydney have elected an Independent representative and suddenly our electorate comes into question. It is frustrating to read that it is not those within the North Sydney electorate that have had the initial say, but outside voices with their own interests who may dictate my future ability to have my voice heard.

I wish to make my strong opposition on the draft proposed redistribution known, and urge the AEC to not pursue with the abolishment of the North Sydney electorate, to instead keep the division in its current form.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my objection.

Kind regards,

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