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# Objection 96

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I would like to register my objection to the abolition of the North Sydney electorate on the following grounds:

North Sydney has a proud heritage – it was one of the original electorates in the first parliament in 1901.

North Sydney has a strong community. On more than one occasion its people have pulled together to elect an independent (Ted Mack and Kylea Tink). Also, in the recent NSW State elections, the people of North Sydney in the seat of North Shore gained 44% of the vote (after preferences) in favour of the independent.

North Sydney is markedly different from surrounding electorates. The Australian Bureau of Statistics reports in its Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles that 40.9% are renters, as opposed to 24.2% in Bradfield, 21.5% in Mackellar and 34.6% in Warringah.

Many more people in North Sydney speak a language other than English at home (28.6%) in comparison to Mackellar (14,3%) and Warringah (16,3%)

I feel confident that your estimate of a decline in population in North Sydney is incorrect. The enormous residential developments in the North Sydney electorate suggest that once these are completed and occupied, there will be a significant increase in population here. Some obvious examples are the highrise approved above the Metro at Crows Nest, the large development on the corner of Atchison and Oxley Streets, and especially the vast area being developed between River Road, Canberra Avenue, Marshall Street, Park Avenue and Holdsworth Street in St Leonards South - this alone will provide approximately 1500 dwellings.

As a resident of 42 years here, I feel astonished that the AEC considers North Sydney to be the most appropriate electorate to be absorbed into surrounding electorates, when its character is so very different to that of its neighbours.