



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 119

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The Australian Electoral Commission
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Subject: Objecting to plans to abolish the seat of North Sydney
as outlined in the proposed NSW redistribution announced Fri 14 June 2024

My name is Anne Rutherford and I wish to oppose the proposed redistribution plans to abolish the seat of North Sydney, announced Friday 14 June 2024.

Firstly, may I say, I appreciate the opportunity provided by the AEC to explain why North Sydney should be retained as a federal seat. Please consider my reasons for why North Sydney should be retained when you make your final decision in the final boundary redistribution of NSW.

Key reasons why North Sydney should be retained include:

- **An expanding population:** “The population of the North Sydney LGA is projected to increase from 72,150 in 2016 to 91,650 by 2036. This is a 26% increase in population over the next 20 years that is consistent with growth across the North District over this timeframe. Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) projections identified that a further 11,450 dwellings are needed in the LGA over the next 20 years.” Source: page 7 of North Sydney Council’s *North Sydney Local Housing Strategy* (October, 2019). [PDF is here](#).
- **A thriving community-specific CBD:** North Sydney CBD is the third largest business centre in all of Australia. As home to over 28,000 small-to-medium size businesses, these businesses deserve the focus of a dedicated local member who is focused hugely on this area. Engulfing it into another sizable electorate with a different community and different member does not make sense from a community-representation perspective. Significantly, the electorate’s community is well-known for having a large number of business owners and leaders. This is key to understanding the community, demographic and culture of the electorate and is another core reason why the seat should be retained.
- **A strong community identity:** The community within the existing electorate shares a strong sense of pride and ideological commonality. Significantly, the seat of North Sydney residents voted “Yes” in the 2023 referendum to establish an indigenous voice to parliament, showing the electorate has shared values on issues of national relevance. From an activity-focused perspective, the community clearly has a strong sense of pride and identity in its teams and associations. Key examples include sporting associations like the North Sydney Netball Association and the North Sydney Football Association, both being two of the largest community based sporting organisations in NSW.

Once again, thank you for considering my objection.

I do hope that the seat of North Sydney will remain when the AEC makes its final redistribution decision for the state of NSW.

Yours faithfully

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