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TO: Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)

I am writing to object to the proposal of abolishing the Federal seat of North Sydney. Having lived in the area for over 15 years I understand the importance of independent community representation. Sydney is an extremely diverse city, with many microenvironments within a relatively small range. It is inappropriate to assume someone from outside a particular area can understand the needs of another area. North Sydney is currently going through an extensive growth period, with increases in retirement living alongside an increase in families requiring an increase in public schooling. We have independent local businesses which have been servicing the community for many years and support many of the local sporting groups, as such it is important they remain supported by the local community. Merging into a larger federal seat will see an erosion of local understanding which is fundamental to retaining local spirit and sense of responsibility. As such we need a representative who understands the local community and the our needs, and for them to have a voice to express them.

As such I OBJECT to the proposal to merge North Sydney with Warringah, Bradfield and Bennelong. North Sydney needs to remain an independent seat.

Your understanding is appreciated.

Kind regards



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