



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 178

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To whom it may concern:

I object to the redistribution of North Sydney electorate for a number of reasons.

1. I live in Milsons Point and identify with this area and the region of North Sydney. Since moving here from the country I have found my community and sense of identity in North Sydney.
2. It is particularly important to me the boundaries of North Sydney that are formed by the harbour shore line and the boundaries to the north that include the shorelines of Northbridge and middle harbour. These are the walks and environment that are associated with North Sydney. Often friends ask “where can we go walking in North Sydney”?
3. My community includes the North Sydney book club. When I was looking for a book club to join in the area, I googled North Sydney because I knew instantly that I would find something close by or within striking distance of me.
4. Friends who have moved to the area for education of children spoke of moving to the North Sydney region for the schools.
5. I use public transport everyday and basing my transport needs around the North Sydney train line is critical to my planning.
6. I regularly go to sporting events at North Sydney Oval – it is an iconic sporting ground that is intimately associated with the North Sydney electorate.
7. Every second weekend I shop at the North Sydney food markets in Ted Mack oval. This really helps me identify and connect with our electorate and community.
8. I love the cultural diversity of North Sydney. Being on the lower north shore there is sometimes a misconception that it is only a certain sector of the community that live here (i.e white and middle class). In fact there are multi faiths and ethnicities that reside here. The public housing scheme in Kirribilli that was started way back in the 1970s forms an important part of the community as much as the multimillion dollar homes on the harbour.
9. North Sydney is a heritage seat that has existed since federation. In a world that is fast changing, this sense of continuity and connection to federation is critical for learning and appreciate of our democracy.
10. Finally, next month the new metro of Victoria Cross will open that will be critical for connecting our very large business district with the rest of the city. North Sydney business centre is known as the North Sydney business centre. This connects our electorate to the rest of the country financially and as well as the deep roots of business to the history of the country.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection – North Sydney and the community I have found here means the world to me and the reason I moved to this area. I hope you look favourably on my objection to the redistribution.