



**THE FEDERAL
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Objection 201

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Dear SEC,

I wish to object to the planned change that would take away North Sydney as a seat.

North Sydney has, through the work of many important people over many decades developed its own character. The values of legendary Mayors such as Ted Mack and stewardship of Mayors since has created a particular unique region of Sydney. Unique enough to attract particular people.

North Sydney has always had a strongly 'independent' voting mindset. It is not a blue-ribbon seat for either major party. More recently, the residents voted in an independent, over a much loved and respected incumbent Trent Zimmerman because, in the end, the seat is not aligned to any party, deciding on the pros and cons of each party and candidate at each election.

The cancelling of the seat, rolling it in with other areas will destroy this critical and important independent character. It will not benefit the residents of the seat of North Sydney, or the residents of the surrounding areas who will become one with us. Importantly, because it will combine the unique needs of the CBD North Sydney with other suburban areas, it will also not benefit good government. That is the voice of the people will be 'muddied'.

Lastly, it will have a significant impact on an important aspect of the elections and representation to date. That of the residents voting in an independent. This is not a good outcome.

I ask that this decision not be carried out. That the independence and unique character, and therefore voting outcomes of North Sydney not be destroyed in this manner.

Yours

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