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# Objection 288

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## Request for North Sydney to be retained as a Federal Seat

As well as being one of the original electorates and so a really historic electorate North Sydney is a unique electorate, quite different from the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong and Warringah because of

- The size of its commercial centre
- Its proximity to the city and cultural centres such as the Opera House
- The amount of waterfrontage within the electorate
- The number of Heritage buildings
- The progressive nature of it's residents eg one of the few electorates to vote for the Indigenous Voice to Parliament in last year's referendum.
- The length of time North Sydney has supported independent politicians: starting with Ted Mack, elected and re-elected as an independent to local, state, and federal government Genia McCaffrey an independent mayor of North Sydney for 17 years and we are now represented by federal independent member Kylea Tink. A virtual unknown before the last federal election but to whom the swing was so great that her seat was called at 7.30pm on election night. All of which shows the progressive nature of the electorate and the commitment and strength of the independence movement in this electorate.

I have lived, worked shopped, sent my children to public schools, participated in sport and music community groups throughout the electorate area over a 50 year time span. Over many many years I have been involved with North Sydney Community Centre, Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, attending playgroup, yoga and various courses and their well respected markets. Stanton Library has been another staple in my life – attending writers talks, book clubs run by the library as well as using it as a library.

I know all areas of the electorate having driven children to swimming and tennis lessons, sporting fixtures and music lessons (Hunters Hill) and concerts all over it for many years. And myself to golf at Lane Cove and Cammeray Golf courses.

I do not understand why North Sydney is to be done away with as one only has to drive a short distance anywhere in the electorate to see the increase in residential buildings of units, including the forest of hi-rise in the St Leonards area. The population is predicted to increase substantially in coming years.. Respectfully I suggest destroying this electorate is a very short sighted move. Is it because we are such a progressive independent electorate?

We are a lucky electorate to have had mostly very good councils which encouraged each suburb to develop a distinct personality and have achieved that. Kirribilli is different to Lane Cove, Lane Cove to McMahons Point to Hunters Hill etc. You only have to think back to the proposed merger of councils eg North Sydney with Mosman to remember the passion with which that was resisted and for good reasons. The State Government over many years must have seen this electorate as a growth centre to have given us two new rail stations. North Sydney is a small & medium business hub with numerous business groups. I ran my own market research business here and owned commercial property in North Sydney business district for many years. I am aware the interests of the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong and Warringah do not sit comfortably with the commercial needs and interests of a business centre like North Sydney, just as Mosman wasn't a good fit when that Council merger was proposed.

For these many reasons I humbly request you reconsider abolishing North Sydney and retain it as a federal seat.

Yours respectfully,

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