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Objection 303

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To: The AEC
New South Wales augmented Electoral Commission in Canberra ACT

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RE: My objections regarding the abolishment of North Sydney electorate

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our North Sydney federal seat should not be abolished.

I have lived here for nearly 20 years. I have bought a home and raised my family in the North Sydney electorate. I have really enjoyed my local community but also felt a strong connection with the wider community inside our electorate. I feel we all are connected in one way or another. There is a red line throughout all these suburbs. It is there also because we have had time to develop our connections and our identity since 1901. Do not break up something that is good and works well. Specially if you have NOT properly assessed factors that are relevant – like future population growths. There are numerous developments being built, including new Metro stations to accommodate all this!

Geographically and socially, things do not make sense either.

- What do Harbour side suburbs like Waverton, Wollstonecraft, Lavender Bay etc have in common with the seaside electorate? I don't see the connection.
- How can one single crossing in St Leonards/Crows Nest be the nexus between Warringah, Bradfield and Bennelong? This to me is a joke of a boundary line. I was under the impression that boundaries were formed by natural or significant lines (motorways), not in a random spot in a busy commercial and residential area!
- Leafy, green and socially progressive Lane Cove and the Harbour side suburbs below it (Greenwich, Longueville etc) being part of Bennelong is incredibly odd. To think these suburbs and Macquarie Park/Marsfield would be in the same electorate! You need to really know these areas, to appreciate that there is no social, geographical nor environmental cohesion at all between these suburbs.
- Lastly, how can you marry placing our third largest business centre (North Sydney) into an electorate that already has a business centre with a very strong connection with the electorate? Manly is Warringah. North Sydney will lose gravitas it deserves. Furthermore, how is one MP going to serve two very different business communities?

You have not properly considered how well our community operates. You have not assessed the true nature of our population growth. Your dissections don't make sense socially nor geographically. Our electorate does truly have an identity, and the proposed fragmentation will be devastating. Do not abolish our electorate.

Kind regards

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