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Australian Electoral Commission Objection

My name is Donna Patterson and I write to object to the abolition of the **North Sydney** electorate.

I have lived and worked for 27 years in this seat and know the area well. The abolition of the seat is illogical as the train line (and an additional new line opening next month), the Pacific Highway and the Warringah Freeway all contribute to the cohesion of the community, and should not mark the boundary. Residents live and work around these transport corridors, with the harbour the natural boundary. North Sydney's population is growing because of the connectedness of the electorate, with a great deal of high rise and medium density housing around the stations. The local councils confirm in excess of 30,000 additional dwellings are approved and under construction, particularly around these stations.

Many members of the community live and work around the electorate, send their children to schools here, and shop around Chatswood, Crows Nest and Lane Cove, in particular. The electorate has distinct community needs on the lower North Shore, with a strong business community (many more than in surrounding electorates), and a large number of schools. It is qualitatively different to the beaches electorate of Warringah, and to the more suburban electorates of Bennelong and Bradfield.

North Sydney has a strong community spirit, being one of the electorates to choose an independent MP, and to vote in favour of the Voice referendum. The community will be disenfranchised if it is split under the current proposal.

I urge the AEC to reconsider its proposal to abolish North Sydney.

Sincerely,

Donna Patterson