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Objection to the proposed redistribution of the federal seat of North Sydney 7.7.24

I would like to object to the planned redistribution of North Sydney, which will have negative consequences for our area.

1. We have a committed and effective representative in Kylea Tink, who understands the unique issues of our area – one of the original divisions of the first election 123 years ago! Please do not deny our right to benefit from her continued advocacy and the future representation of our particular needs.
2. The issues and concerns we have as a densely populated gateway to the city, battling to protect the precious and precarious nature of our foreshore reserves, will be diluted if we are absorbed into existing electorates with their own established agendas. We must maintain our federal voice as North Sydney, whose vulnerabilities and priorities differ greatly to the Northern Beaches, the upper North Shore or North-West.
3. Community groups have developed strong connections over the decades, and we risk losing these connections with the proposed breakup. We are not just numbers – we are communities of people with strong ties based on our shared North Sydney geography.
4. The numbers backing this decision are surely flawed as there will inevitably be significant population growth in coming years, especially given the State Government rush to deliver us over to the developers of NSW. We are an area committed to growing housing supply, albeit preferably with greater respect for our unique built and natural heritage. North Sydney's local councils had all projected significant growth in coming years eg North Sydney LGA by 27% and Willoughby LGA from 80,000 to 92,000 by 2036 (15%). This is likely to be increased further with any State Govt planning changes.

Please respect the fact that we are connected through our North Sydney identity and should be entitled to the protection of these connections.

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