



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 338

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To Whom it May Concern,

OBJECTION TO DRAFT PLANS TO ABOLISH FEDERAL SEAT OF NORTH SYDNEY

I would like to raise my objection to the proposal to alter electoral boundaries to remove the North Sydney federal electorate.

I have lived in this electorate for 28 years, raising three children who all attended school in the electorate. During this time I have become aware of the unique diversity of North Sydney from other electorates, combining residences, apartments, a CBD, businesses, recreation and industrial uses. The community is strong and connected and deserves bespoke representation.

I have also witnessed the steady growth of population in the area (and have been volunteered on many school building committees as schools in the area struggle to keep up with the growth). This growth is forecast to continue with councils required to meet housing increase numbers. As I understand it, a further 5,900 homes are required in North Sydney before 2029 in just one of the four LGAs in the North Sydney electorate. With similar expectations across all four LGAs, a further 24,000 residents are expected to call North Sydney home in the next five years. North Sydney Council are planning for 19,500 new residents in the next decade. These forecast population changes have not been considered in the proposed electorate boundary adjustments – surely this makes the draft proposal flawed and likely to be imminently redundant?

My preference would be to account for the population growth and strong, connected community to retain the North Sydney electorate as it is. If however changes are still felt important, then it would make more sense to keep the electorate intact and expand its boundaries, rather than break it up (perhaps eastward capturing Neutral Bay & Mosman west of the Spit Bridge).

This electorate has a long and proud history of political significance with strong independent players renowned for their contribution to our democracy. It is one of the original electorates from our federation and should not be abolished.

Yours faithfully,



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