



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 362

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The Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Proposed Redistribution and the Abolishment of North Sydney Electorate.

I have strong reservations concerning the Redistribution in NSW from 47 to 46 seats. I understand that based on Quota's there needs to be a redistribution but I am confounded why you would want to abolish the North Sydney Electorate to achieve this result.

North Sydney is a unique electorate, having returned a number of independent politicians. It has a large CBD and is becoming a major Educational Hub. The planned population increase in the North Sydney Council area is 10,115 by 2036, and for the electorate it is 19,500, which would put it at near the upper Quota limit of 133,127.

All the surrounding electorates are below the quota population of 121,011:-

Bennelong 116790

Berowra 106,739

Bradfield 109126

McKeller 111700

Warringah 105759

North Sydney only borders three of these electorates whilst Bradfield borders 5 of the electorates. The re-distribution of North Sydney, population 112,630, to Warringah, Bradfield and Bennelong would see these three electorates exceed the upper quota tolerance requiring further adjustments to their outer electorate boundaries.

It appears it would make more sense to redistribute Bradfield electorate across its five neighbouring electorates, namely Bennelong, Berowra, McKellar, North Sydney and Warringah, to reduce the need for further tinkering with their outer boundaries.

It seems to be odd that we are abolishing an electorate that due to transport changes, of the Metro and 2nd Cross City Tunnel, will become more attractive to developers because of the NSW Government's push to increase population levels around transport hubs.

It is a unique electorate being close to the Sydney CBD, to split it so that it is amalgamated with suburbs over 40km away, with different needs, will make it a difficult proposition to get meaningful representation from any elected candidate.

I understand the need for the redistribution, but there are many more factors than just numbers of people.

I request that the dissolution of the North Sydney electorate be reconsidered as I definitely am not in favour of this, as it will have major consequences with having local matters addressed by politicians.

Yours sincerely

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