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# Objection 381

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## **Attention: NSW Redistribution Secretariat**

### **Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney**

I have lived within the North Sydney electorate since May 2000 and am a proud member of the community. I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact.

I understand that the federal seat of North Sydney is one of the 75 original federal divisions first contested 123 years ago. It seems a shame to just drop the name now. It also perfectly describes its location, unlike others around it.

I had a look at the relative sizes of surrounding electorates, and was surprised to find that North Sydney is neither the smallest nor the largest so I do wonder why it has been specifically highlighted to be abolished:

Bennelong	116790
North Sydney	112630
Bradfield	109126
Berowra	106729
Warringah	105759

I also wonder whether the expected growth for the electorate is based on historical projections or incorporates current major developments that are occurring, particularly because of the nearly completed Crows Nest and North Sydney metros. The NSW government has also targeted the area for rapid development in high rise residential buildings. Has this been accounted for in the numbers, relative to surrounding electorates?

North Sydney respects and appreciates cultural diversity. Half the population was born overseas and one third speak a language other than English at home. We were represented by the well-known independent federal politician, Ted Mack for some years. I am proud to say that in the time I have lived in the area we have finally achieved representation by another independent in 2022, Kylea Tink. Her personal support and concern for putting her electoral community first, always checking back with our opinions on issues she represents for us, is like a breath of fresh air. It is interesting that in the 2023 Referendum North Sydney was one of the few electorates who voted in favour of it. This is a clear sign of a network of community minded individuals.

Please don't take North Sydney away!

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