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Objection 384

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To the Redistribution Secretariat,

Thank you for the opportunity voice my concerns and submit an objection to the AEC objection for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution.

I strongly object to the AEC's proposal to split our North Sydney electorate community and allocate the people within to the three surrounding seats.

The North Sydney electorate is comprised of a strong and cohesive community; we have shared interests - historical, social and practical, and critically, a shared sense of what we define as "important issues". These are QUITE separate and remarkably different to issues deemed important in our surrounding electorates, as reflected in the recent election.

Importantly, and as demonstrated in the most recent federal election, our current electorate came together in a unique and cohesive way to vote on the issues that concerned OUR community specifically.

As evidenced by the results of that election, we clearly don't share the same values or have the same concerns as our neighbouring electorates. This is simply based on the geography and demographics we reflect.

Please consider that our interests and values have evolved *collectively* over a long period of time. To disrupt this cohesion and sense of community by splitting us up and allocating us to these very alien (to us) electorates would be devastating on both a personal and community level. Our voices would be lost and that's hardly democratic!

PLEASE do not split us up.

Yours Sincerely
K Harris