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Objection 477

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Subject: Objection to draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney

My name is Kate Lindsay and I am a resident of Northbridge in the federal seat of North Sydney. I have lived here with my family since 2008 and have strong connections with the community. My three children attend school in North Sydney and our day to day life revolves around the North Sydney/Cammeray/Northbridge suburbs.

I feel strongly that separating the communities of the seat of North Sydney will be detrimental to a civil society that is engaged and cohesive. Not only is North Sydney an historically significant seat with 123 years of history, it has been materially reinvigorated as an electoral division more recently.

We stood up for independent Federal representation through a desire to find a voice for the issues important to our community. The Voices of North Sydney is a grassroots community organisation united by common concerns for our local community, the national landscape and broader international issues such as climate change. Active political engagement is precious and difficult to generate. The issues and structures can seem too overwhelming and an individual's contribution so insignificant, that apathy usually results. To propose to demolish this federal seat that defies the common democratic malaise is extremely disappointing and would be a loss to our national civic discourse.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal to abolish the North Sydney electorate and request that it remain intact. I believe redistributions to accommodate changes in numbers in NSW electors can be made in a way that retains this significant seat and its contribution to our democracy as a diverse, engaged community.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Lindsay

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