



**THE FEDERAL
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Objection 601

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Subject: Draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution. **Alternative proposal offered to instead abolish the federal seat of BANKS.**

Dear Committee members,

I am a proud long-term resident of North Sydney having lived here for over 50 years. I attended school here and also worked in my neighbourhood. I have always nurtured a strong interest in the politics of North Sydney at Local, State and Federal levels. North Sydney encompasses a unique and diverse range of residential and business interests, as well as natural areas and man-made landmarks that I believe are best served by a dedicated Member of Parliament focused on the specific interests of our electorate.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request that it remain. I am supportive of Kylea Tink MP's proposal to retain the North Sydney seat with adjusted boundaries to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

Further, I have carefully reviewed the '*Essential information about the New South Wales federal redistribution*' documents on the AEC website, as well as scrutinising the maps of the existing and proposed division boundaries, current and projected populations, and historical voting patterns for each electorate.

Based on these factors, I would like to propose an alternative for your consideration: that the federal seat of BANKS be abolished.

- Banks could be absorbed into the surrounding Electoral Divisions of Barton, Blaxland, Hughes and Watson.
- All five of these Electoral Divisions are already proposed to have boundary changes made in 2024.
- All five of these Electoral Divisions are among the smallest in NSW in population size.
- Banks is one of the smaller Electoral Divisions in area and population size in NSW and is the smallest among these five.
- The demographics across all five of these Electoral Divisions is commensurate, with similar historic voting patterns.
- This proposal would increase the average population / projected population for each of the remaining four in this group of Electoral Divisions, with the benefit of bringing them closer to the redistribution quota.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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