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North Sydney is a tight network of community-minded individuals. It was one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum, with the Yes vote more than 60%.

The AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney does not consider existing and future population growth numbers inside our electorate. The AEC has failed to consult appropriate sources for future growth numbers, including state and local planning policies, the number of developments under construction and the number of developments in the pipeline for future construction.

Two examples of what has not been considered:

1. The NSW State Government plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA alone by 2029.
2. North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036.

The new Metro line through North Sydney will further increase population through the development of high-density residences near Crows Nest and Victoria Cross stations. St Leonards is also increasing its population. Given these growth projections and transport measures already in place to deal with this growth, it does not make sense to propose to split the high-growth area around St Leonards and Crows Nest into three separate electorates.

In my own case, I tend to frequent many locations within the current North Sydney electorate, such as the Chatswood shopping district, Woolworths at Chatswood East, Lane Cove and Crows Nest and the Ensemble Theatre at Kirribilli. Rarely do I venture north of Fullers Road, west of Longueville Road or east of Eastern Valley Way. I have no connection with the federal voting electorates of Bradfield, Bennelong or Warringah.

North Sydney is the third largest business centre in Australia and it makes no sense to break it up.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the federal seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact.



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