



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 673

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to object to the draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution. Instead I support:

1. Keeping the divisions of both Warringah and North Sydney, and
2. Zali Steggall and Kylea Tink's objections submissions to the proposed redistribution

I have lived in the Warringah electorate since I arrived in Australia in 1988, first in Balgowlah, then North Balgowlah and now in Queenscliff. I feel a genuine sense of belonging to the area.

As a dual citizen of the United Kingdom/Australia, I have been watching the recent UK elections with much interest. To me, a key difference between my experience in Warringah, and my UK based electorate, is the sense of community experienced here. Our democracy relies on an active community and an engaged community and when that is not felt by voters, they begin to feel unrepresented.

The North Sydney electorate enjoys a highly engaged community, and its abolition undermines both democratic participation and community cohesion. Preserving engaged electoral communities is crucial for maintaining the strength and integrity of our democratic system.

I appreciated the exceptionally difficult task at hand, and the work that the AEC has put into finding a solution. Nevertheless, I am hopeful that further options can be considered and a solution that preserves both North Sydney and Warringah can be found. Both these electorates have shown strong community engagement not just during the election period, but throughout each year.

Since 2018, I have been a part of the community engagement in Warringah, together with thousands of other residents from diverse backgrounds and age groups. Many, like me, are first-time participants in democratic processes. These communities have united, volunteering countless hours to support independent MPs who prioritize local interests and represent their communities. And we genuinely do feel represented.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to preserve both the Warringah and North Sydney divisions, recognizing those like me who feel heard as part of the electorate's community.

Regards

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Queenscliff