



## Objection 138

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## Australian Electoral Commission

Objection to proposed abolishment of Federal electorate of North Sydney.

I have lived in North Sydney since 1974 and have seen it's electoral boundaries sliced and diced, at all levels of government, in that time but never totally abolished as a electorate.

My objections are based on the following reasons:

Economics: North Sydney is a powerhouse of the local, State and National economy, with many companies headquartered here in one of the State's major CBD's.

Population: has been growing with more to come with major developments above and near the new Metro stations and proposals for Neutral Bay Village and the ongoing knock down of houses for flats.

Physical features: North Sydney, including Mosman and parts of Willoughby is well defined by Sydney Harbour, occupying a unique peninsular framed by the Main Harbour and Middle Harbour.

Transport and Traffic: are issues and problems unique to North Sydney and Mosman, with the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel, Warringah Freeway and also Military Rd making the electorate a major thoroughfare for public transport and vehicular traffic to/from adjoining electorates, such as Warringah, that have conflicting needs and interests to residents of North Sydney.

To abolish North Sydney as an electorate is to deny its history, deny its place in the economy of NSW, deny its political democratic, progressiveness that has challenged the two party system, deny its unique harbour side location.

"Warringah" across the Spit Bridge is as good as another world- poorly connected to North Sydney- physically, economically and socially, it's not called the insular peninsular for nothing.

The residents of North Sydney would be badly served even betrayed should the electorate be abolished.

Please keep North Sydney by including Mosman and part/s of other adjoining electorates to make it happen.

Yours faithfully,

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