



## Objection 192

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## Re: Objection to the proposed NSW redistribution

As a longtime resident of North Sydney (since 1998) I would like to lodge my objection to the proposed redistribution which would abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

My main point is that there is a considerable amount of social cohesion and identity here in North Sydney. For example, I initiated and still convene the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Non-fiction Book Group. We have been going for around ten years and have a large number of local members. Even after they leave the area, members are free to, and often do, join our meetings via Zoom retaining their virtual affiliation with North Sydney.

I am aware of similar fiction book and film groups, also based at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre.

I used to volunteer at the Neighbourhood Centre to help teach seniors to access computers, and often meet ex-students around the streets, in local shops and on public transport.

As a retired public health academic, I also note the projected population increase in North Sydney which might lead to a reversal of the current abolition proposal in a few years time. The expansion of the business district of North Sydney is notable, as well as the number of new residential buildings, including conversion of older office buildings.

Yours sincerely



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