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Subject: Objection AEC proposal to abolish North Sydney

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I am proud to be a North Sydney constituent and I strongly object to the proposed abolishment of the North Sydney electorate. There is a robust case that Parliament can hold 150 seats to retain North Sydney as an electorate which can support the population growth within. I have grown up and been educated and now raising my daughter as a solo mother in NS, while supporting my elderly parents living as three generations together under the one roof.

Both my early education started at the local Council run, Chatswood Community Childcare Centre followed by Wenona School where, I engaged with bush regeneration with local environmental groups as part of Duke of Edinburgh in Harold Reid Reserve, Middle Harbour. Today, in NS I enjoy having access to the vast natural environment, open spaces, recreational parks and bushland with my daughter. Full circle with NS education at the centre where my daughter attended long Daycare Centres as well as attending the local Willoughby Public School where I plan to continue to educate my daughter within the highly regarded public education system NS has to offer.

As a young teenager, I learnt and then taught others in the community to sail at Northbridge Sailing Club on Middle Harbour, creating a safe and healthy place to become a teenager within the community. Many members of this club remain great friends who also still live in NS where they are raising their children and grandchildren.

My career has involved working in the unique heart of the electorates business CBD districts of NS, St Leonard's and Chatswood. I have been privileged to work with students teaching theatrical design and drama for the past, 13 years showcasing the talent and vast cultural diversity at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. This work has seen me engage and employ the entertainment companies from NS while supporting theatrical professionals at the prestigious Ensemble Theatre, Kirribilli. Also, working with Phoenix Theatre Company which literally was birthed in Artarmon as a local community theatrical group for the people of NS.

Access to leading Healthcare at RNSH for the birth of my daughter and utilising local IVF services within the NS electorate. The Chatswood, Mothers Group became a hugely important role in connecting me with families at this shared and important time, further exposing me to the diversity and cultural richness the NS community offers.

NS is an historic and important electorate since Federation 1901 and therefore should remain on these grounds alone. I have always supported Community Independents and was part of the movement of change in NS at the last Federal election in 2022. Although my experiences are varied through work, education, health and community North Sydney has appeared to me as unique and distinct cohesive community.

I strongly oppose the redrawing of the boundaries to be moved to Bradfield as this is not the community that I can identify with. NS has shaped my identity in many ways, and I ask for you to review your decision so that North Sydney continues to remain intact.

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