



## Objection 259

Ross Smith

Australian Electoral Commission,

5th July 2024

Regarding alteration of boundaries involving the North Sydney electorate:

I am writing to lodge an objection to the redistribution.

I moved in to the North Sydney electorate in the year 2000, but my mother was a resident from 1928 in flats owned by her family in Clif St. Milsons Point, and my father in law was a resident up to about 25th September 1948 when my wife was born. So moving back into the North Sydney had real meaning to us. We have participated in the community by joining the Union Street precinct committee and have particularly enjoyed the ability to add our say to the complex goings on in the community. We also ran a stall in the North Sydney Council's farmer's market. It is amazing to have such a close contact to the Council which is reflected back to the State and Federal politicians who have spoken at our precinct meetings. I am afraid that with the redistribution our ability to influence decisions relevant to our community will be lost. I am particularly fearful that the enjoyable community associations will be lost in the larger redistribution.

I am cognisant of the many reasons to support my objection to the redistribution. We have a lovely diverse community which is changing rapidly. Although we provide wonderful facilities to the wider community there is a warm group of residents contributing to the spirit that is evident in our community when one lives here. I would like to preserve as much of this spirit as possible. I strongly object to the redistribution and wish to have this recorded.

Yours sincerely

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