



Objection 265

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TO: The Australian Electoral Commission

Attn: nsw Redistribution Secretariat, Locked Bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601.

Dear Sir,

I object to the proposed abolition of the Federal seat of North Sydney.

North Sydney is one of the original 75 electorate divisions since 1901. It is part of our history and you have no reason to justify abolition of North Sydney on these grounds alone. What is the problem of 150 House of Representative seats.

North Sydney has benefitted from strong growth of medium density housing, especially around Crow's Nest, Chatswood and North Sydney. I am not convinced your population projections take into consideration the reality of this growth. I do not want to be part of Bradfield where the residents do not seem to appreciate the need for medium density housing.

Both Chatswood and North Sydney have significant business centres. I have easy access to my accountant, banking services and sources of supply for the small business of Property Maintenance and Repairs that I have operated in the North Sydney region since 1980. These commercial services are all within two kilometres of our home and business premisses, not several suburbs away. I service ALL the suburbs within the North Sydney electorate. This has given me a great appreciation of the connectedness of the community. I have not had to advertise my work for over 45 years — every job has been acquired by word of mouth. Now that is a self-sustaining community! In that time, we have welcomed so many new citizens from China, Hong Kong and Korea. We have embraced that multicultural diversity and the new arrivals have utilised my services.

Royal North Shore Hospital offers so many of our health services which I have had to use over the last few years. It too is at the heart of North Sydney.

I've felt comfortably integrated into the North Sydney community since we were lucky enough to buy a property here. We have formed our friends through our common interests available to us as part of North Sydney: enjoying Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, walking our dog in Naremburn, Beauchamp, and Bales parks, as well as Artarmon Reserve; taking our daughter, and granddaughter bushwalking in our surrounding bushland of Lane Cove National Park, Mowbray Park and Harold Reid Reserve. We are delighted there are so many other members of our community who love our bush so much, they work tirelessly in Bush Care groups to maintain our natural reserves. These are our friends, our community.

Similarly, we enjoyed the camaraderie of Northbridge Sailing Club on the waters of Middle Harbour where we found many locals, again with a common interest in competitive dinghy sailing.

North Sydney has offered me so much in business, friendship and community. Please do not break up our proud electorate with its diversity of many peoples enjoying our common interests.

Yours sincerely,







wildflowers of willoughby









Sam a lara term member of wepa, part WEPA Willoughby Environmental of my community protect / restore

WEPA is the Willoughby Environmental Protection Association. We are a community-based group – open to all – with an interest in protecting all aspects of our environment.

While our primary interest is the City of Willoughby on the North Shore of Sydney, our members are also involved with environmental matters at state and national levels.

WEPA organises regular meetings with interesting speakers on a range of topics; prepares comments and submissions on environmental plans and proposals before Willoughby City Council; and lobbies local, state and federal politicians on issues of environmental concern in our area.

Since its first meeting in 1982, WEPA has emphasised that the quality of the surrounding environment plays a critical role in everyday lives, our well-being and that of our community.

At a time when our neighbourhoods, urban tree canopy, parks, bushland, wetlands, rivers, and bays are under increasing pressure from climate change, overdevelopment, ill-advised tunnel proposals and other aspects of poor planning, there is an ever-greater need for community oversight and action.

Help preserve, protect and restore our environment by joining WEPA. Membership fees start from \$5.

Scanning the QR Code below will connect you to our website so you can join WEPA, find out about our current campaigns, or donate.

While you're visiting our website click on the About Willoughby section to find out more about the native plants and animals that can be found in the Willoughby region.

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