



## Objection 291

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

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RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney.

Dear Sir/Madam:

North Sydney is a well-established and high functioning community.

North Sydney is one of the original seats since Federation. At present, the seat is comprised of a strong "community of interests".

The proposed boundary changes will see substantial changes and combine quite disparate areas, diluting our voice.

Hunters Hill where I reside, will be incorporated into Bennelong where Ryde is the primary centre of their community if interest. I have lived in Hunters Hill for 15 years and have not gone to Ryde more than about 2 times per year

It is telling that North Sydney is one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. This was achieved because we are a tight network of community minded individuals.

In addition, the growth projections for North Sydney are such that in a few years there will be a need to recreate the seat, making this a myopic and illogical proposal.

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