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NORTH SYDNEY FEDERAL ELECTORATE PROPOSED NSW REDISTRIBUTION REPORT SUBMISSION

The AEC proposed NSW redistribution report bases the abolition of the North Sydney electorate on projected 5-year population growth being slower than that of surrounding electorates. The AEC supporting information includes explanatory notes which confirm that the estimated resident populations (ERPs) are projected from standard population inputs (such as births & deaths) with latest figures up to 2022. The estimated ERPs differences are minimal when North Sydney is compared to adjacent electorates such Bennelong, Bradfield and Warringah.

Additionally, the AEC report appears to ignore the NSW government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program, published in late 2023. Crows Nest Metro station is in the centre of the North Sydney federal electorate and is one of the eight "accelerated" precincts of the TOD programme. None of the other seven precincts are located in Warringah or Bradfield. Land within 1200 metres of the Crows Nest Metro station will be rezoned for accelerated housing supply. The TOD programme is in addition to ongoing high-rise apartment developments already underway in the electorate.

The NSW Government program for TOD should be considered when comparing North Sydney's electorate ERPs with Bradfield and Warringah. Both Bradfield and Warringah are also worthy of consideration for abolishment, especially when the following is considered:

We have identified 8 priority high growth areas near transport hubs in greater Sydney for accelerated rezoning:

- 1. Bankstown
- 2. Bays West
- 3. Bella Vista
- 4. Crows Nest
- 5. Homebush
- 6. Hornsby
- 7. Kellyville
- 8. Macquarie Park

Rezoning around these transport hubs will create capacity for up to 47,800 new homes over 15 years, within walking distance of these key stations.

The 8 precincts will be rezoned between September 2024 to November 2024 to fast-track housing in these areas.

In conclusion, I object to the abolition of the North Sydney federal electorate.