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My name is Julie Jenkins and I have been living with my husband in the suburb of Greenwich in the Federal seat of North Sydney electorate since 1993. During that time I have built up strong relationships with local businesses, schools, libraries, neighbours, and the local swimming baths.

There is a very strong sense of community in the electorate of North Sydney. It is a cohesive and engaged community. It is home to many environmental, humanitarian, religious and social groups all working together to improve our community. We were 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. Since I moved to Greenwich in 1993 I have seen and experienced many changes which over the years has made this electorate strong, vibrant and inclusive.

I strongly believe the electorate of North Sydney should NOT be abolished.

The population across our electorate is growing rapidly but the AEC's proposal doesn't account for this growth. For example, the NSW State Government has plans to see 5,900 new homes built in the North Sydney LGA by 2029.

The population of the North Sydney electorate is growing and North Sydney Council is expecting 19,500 new residents to move into the area by 2036. That growth will probably be replicated across the four LGA's currently contained in the federal seat and would see more than 24,000 new homes built across our community, so changing the boundaries would be counterproductive.

North Sydney's businesses and industrial zones are home to the third-largest business centre in the country and deserve the focus of a dedicated local member. Very importantly, North Sydney has a total of 28,000 small to medium businesses whose needs do not overlap entirely with those of the newly proposed areas of Bradfield, Bennelong or Warringah.

123 years of history: The historic significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain intact, with minimal changes in overall numbers of electors in

NSW.

Yours faithfully, Julie Jenkins

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