



Objection 597

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NSW Australian Electoral Commission
https://www.aec.gov.au/redistributions/2023/nsw/objections.html

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Please accept this objection to the abolishment of North Sydney Electorate, as I object to the rationale behind Point 85 in the Redistribution Report which says

"As a consequence of making the necessary adjustments to ensure that all electoral divisions would meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee unanimously proposes abolishing the existing Division of North Sydney"

North Sydney? How can that be a good idea? It's nonsense to lose one of the oldest electorates to average out the "numbers". How can all of a sudden the Electoral Act require redistribution of numbers that would cause the death of one of the oldest, established electorates?

North Sydney is growing in population and is being revitalised. How can the numbers go backwards for North Sydney? North Sydney electorate has been established for so long and must be able to stand on its own. There is much more housing now than before, with so many units built at Crows Nest and St Leonards. We also have so much infrastructure, including the Warringah Freeway, ferries and trains - we have a huge educational precinct in North Sydney with all those schools in North Sydney who educate so many children.

I believe it would be going backwards to lose North Sydney Electorate when we are so well established. Is it because we have an aging population?

Remember, the amalgamation of Councils ended up being a really BAD idea and now there is legislation to de-amalgamate/ reverse that stupid idea, so I don't agree and I vote to object the abolishment of North Sydney electorate. Also, I, like so many people, didn't hear about the abolishment idea until it was announced on the news and I was like "What's going on here? Why are we being punished?"

Personally, I think changes like the abolishment of North Sydney Electorate should be via a referendum, not be a committee. Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned on should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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