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Alan McNamara

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All,

I wish to support the objection #554 submitted by Michael Fong.

I am also a long-term resident of Forestville, and the community division between “The Forest” and the North Shore is strong. The Northern Beaches has a strong sense of community identity, as shown by their strong support for the amalgamation of the three council areas. We are not North Shore.

Including these into a common electorate will be detrimental to the representation of both, as their community concerns are different.

I agree with Michael that proposals to abolish either Warringah or North Sydney are politically motivated. The Liberal Party would never propose this if these seats were held by them. Their proposal is specifically designed to disenfranchise the citizens who live within the current electorate boundaries.

Also, I agree with Michael that these electorates have also been specifically targeted to reduce the number of women in parliament. The political “boys club” is alive and well.

I am hoping that the Australian Electoral Commission retains its independence and does not just follow the directives of the major parties.

Sincerely,
Alan McNamara