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Objection 7

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The Australian Electoral Commission
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Subject: Objection to the Proposed Redistribution of the North Sydney Electorate

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) 2024 proposed redistribution of electoral divisions, specifically the plan to abolish the federal electorate of North Sydney and redistribute its electors into the neighbouring electorates of Warringah, Bradfield, and Bennelong.

As a resident of the North Sydney electorate, I have several concerns regarding this proposal:

- 1. Historical Significance:** The North Sydney electorate is one of the original electoral divisions established at the time of Australian federation in 1901. It has played a vital role in our nation's political history and its abolition would represent a significant loss of heritage. Preserving this historic electorate respects the continuity and tradition of our democratic process.
- 2. Recent Community Achievement:** In the most recent federal election, the North Sydney community achieved a historic victory with the election of Community Independent Kylea Tink. This victory was particularly significant as it marked a departure from the longstanding representation by the Liberal Party, highlighting the electorate's dynamic political engagement and the success of one of the largest community-driven campaigns in Australian political history. Abolishing the North Sydney electorate would likely negate this considerable community effort and achievement.
- 3. Cultural Discrepancies:** The proposal to extend the Warringah electorate to include suburbs such as North Sydney, Crows Nest, and Wollstonecraft is culturally incongruent. Warringah is characterised by a northern beaches culture, distinctly different from the inner Sydney CBD culture that defines North Sydney and its neighbouring suburbs. It would be more appropriate to extend the North Sydney electorate northward to include suburbs like Chatswood, which share a similar CBD culture. This alignment would also correspond with the local government boundary of Willoughby, ensuring better cultural and administrative coherence.

In conclusion, I urge the AEC to reconsider the proposed redistribution and maintain the North Sydney electorate. Preserving this electorate not only honours its historical significance but also respects the recent democratic achievements of its residents and maintains cultural and administrative coherence.

Thank you for considering my objection. I look forward to a positive resolution that reflects the unique identity and history of the North Sydney community.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Sesselmann