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To: AEC NSW Redistribution
From: Suzanne Murray-Prior, [REDACTED]
Date: 30 June 2024
Regarding: Objection: Proposed AEC NSW Redistribution of North Sydney Electorate

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of North Sydney electorate for 27 years, I am writing to object to the proposed redistribution of the North Sydney electorate which subsumes the electorate into Bradfield, Bennelong and Warringah. My reasons for objecting are:

- 1) North Sydney has a strong, proud and unique community identity. This is best demonstrated by the very active, proud and committed population participating in community, sporting, religious and culture community groups in the electorate. I am a very active community citizen, participating in social, cultural, charitable and sporting communities. The loss of the the electorate will have an impact on the identify, momentum and cultural significance for the local community. For this reason, and the social implications (not to mention political implications) it is important to continue to have a strong local representation looking out for the communities of North Sydney.
- 2) North Sydney is expected to grow. The AEC would be aware that 24,000 new homes are expected to be built by 2029! This is a significant increase in new community members and votes. Surely the AEC should be considering this significant change in community profile and accounting for this dramatic growth. We should be future-proofing our electorate with the decisions being made today.
- 3) Identity. It is no surprise to me that North Sydney broke with convention and was represented by independent Ted Mack. To this day, Ted Mack is the only person ever to have been elected and re-elected as an independent to local, state, and federal government in Australia. This speaks to the strong, enduring identity of the North Sydney electorate dating back more than 40 years. North Sydney has a unique identity and this independent, non-partisan approach has served the community well and has been reawakened with a credible

independent candidate in Kylea Tink and again during the recent Voice referendum. The proposed change will significantly disrupt this strong representation

North Sydney doesn't just blend in, and I strongly believe needs, and deserves, representation at the highest level of government in Australia.

Sincerely

Suzanne Murray-Prior