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Why the Seat of North Sydney Should Remain Intact: Preserving Community, Maintaining Distinctness, and Ensuring Rationality

Dear Australian Electoral Commission

I am writing to discuss a matter of utmost importance concerning the seat of North Sydney. As a concerned North Sydney citizen I believe it is crucial to highlight the reasons why the seat should be preserved in its current form, rather than undergo any changes that may potentially affect the community, disrupt its distinctness, or compromise logical constituency divisions.

First and foremost, the preservation of the seat of North Sydney is vital to maintain a strong sense of community among its residents. Over the years, our area has developed a unique identity through shared experiences, historical significance, and a close-knit sense of belonging. Redrawing constituency boundaries or merging the seat with adjacent areas would dilute this community spirit, leading to a loss of identity and hampering the ability of local residents to effectively work together for the betterment of our region.

Additionally, altering the boundaries of North Sydney would erode the distinctiveness that sets it apart from adjacent seats. Every constituency has its own set of challenges, demographics, and priorities. By keeping North Sydney intact, we can ensure that our elected representatives can concentrate on addressing the specific needs and concerns of our community, unhindered by the divergent requirements that adjoining areas may have. This tailored representation allows for more effective governance and a greater ability to advocate for the issues that matter most to our constituents.

Furthermore, it is essential from a rational standpoint to maintain the current structure of North Sydney rather than absorbing adjacent similar areas. Consistency and coherence within electoral boundaries contribute to a fair and equitable democratic system. If we were to merge similar areas into North Sydney, the seat would likely become disproportionately large, and representation could be skewed, disregarding the principles of balanced electoral representation. It is crucial to ensure that each seat represents a fair and manageable number of voters to uphold the democratic process.

In summary, preserving the seat of North Sydney in its current form is crucial for several key reasons. First, it maintains the strong sense of community that has evolved over time, allowing residents to remain closely connected to one another. Second, it enables our representatives to focus on our unique and specific needs, ensuring effective governance. Lastly, it ensures rationality in constituency divisions by keeping the seat at a manageable size, without diluting the representation.

I urge you to consider these important factors while making any decisions regarding the future of North Sydney. Let us work together to preserve the integrity of our community and ensure a thriving, coherent electoral system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I am grateful for your commitment to our community's best interests.

Yours sincerely,

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