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# Objection 307

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To: the AEC - NSW

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I object to the AEC's proposal to abolish North Sydney federal seat

I was born and raised in North Sydney. We have everything we need in our North Sydney community: schools, hospitals, shopping centres, business centre, homes, police stations, parks and our Harbour. We know where to go and who to go to.

We were one of the first electorates to stand up for independent representation in 2022, and one of the few to vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum. This makes our community very special. But your proposal will split this great community – not in two but in three! It nearly feels like we are being punished. Our North Sydney community horribly carved up, and worst of all, for no good reason.

There is SO MUCH CONSTRUCTION going on. Just drive around here and you will see. How is it possible to think our population number are declining? We have new Metro stations, we have so many new high rise residential buildings and new ones coming through as well. Schools are getting bigger too. The AEC should have consulted appropriate sources for our future growth numbers. If they did, they would know we are actually growing and growing.

What about our history past, present and in the making? Maintaining the seat ensures continuity in addressing long-term projects and community goals. Splitting it up, makes for weak representation within the new electorate as well as in parliament.

I oppose the draft proposal to abolish North Sydney federal seat.

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