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# Objection 328

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**The NSW Redistribution Committee or The Australian Electoral Commission**

**Objection to the redistribution of electoral boundaries abolishing the Federal Division of North Sydney**

To the Committee,

I am writing as a long term resident of Lane Cove (since 1975) to object to the proposal to abolish the Federal Electoral District of North Sydney for the following reasons:

- 1) **Demographic:** I understand that the demographic arguments and projections of the Committee are mistaken and that the North Sydney electorate is experiencing and will experience significant population growth, probably necessitating another redistribution in the future.
- 2) **Community of interest:** the residents of North Sydney share a community of interest in local social groups, institutions and educational facilities.
- 3) **Political:** The electorate also shares similar political positions and beliefs as evidenced by electing an independent member in 2022, having a heightened concern for prompt action on the environment and past support for the Voice (ca 60%). We therefore deserve a dedicated local member. It would appear that if the redistribution goes ahead, the major political parties would probably benefit.
- 4) **Gender imbalance:** It has been observed that the proposed electoral redistributions are for seats all held by females. Probably a coincidence but not a good look as Australia is woefully behind the rest of the democratic world in female political representation.

**Proposal**

In line with others, I propose an outer metropolitan seat be redistributed and North Sydney, an original electorate, be kept intact and/or have its electoral boundaries marginally adjusted on the periphery.

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