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# Objection 480

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Dear Members of the Australian Electoral Commission,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed electoral redistribution that will significantly impact the North Sydney electorate. As both the CEO of non-profit organisation The Funding Network, which shares its office with fellow non-profits Workplace Giving Australia in Crows Nest, and a long-time resident of this vibrant community, I urge you to reconsider these changes.

The proposed redistribution threatens to disrupt the cohesive and supportive environment that has been carefully nurtured in the greater North Sydney LGA. This area is known for its accessibility, thriving local businesses, and strong sense of community, all of which are integral to the operations and success of organisations like ours. Any changes that undermine these elements could have far-reaching negative consequences for local businesses, non-profits, and residents.

The Funding Network is dedicated to giving a voice to grassroots for-purpose organisations working to improve the lives of everyday Australians, and is one of many similar organisations in the LGA all working together towards a better Australia. It is telling that North Sydney was 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. The potential loss of our current independent representative, Ms. Kylea Tink, who has been a dedicated and tireless advocate for this community, heightens our concerns. Ms. Tink's efforts have been instrumental in addressing local issues and fostering a sense of unity and representation that may be lost with the proposed changes.

As a resident, I am also concerned about the impact on the quality of life and the community services that make this area such a desirable place to live and work. The proposed redistribution risks eroding the character and livability, which could diminish its appeal and effectiveness as a community. I strongly urge the AEC to consider the long-term impacts of this redistribution on the North Sydney community. Preserving the integrity and continuity of our electorate is essential for maintaining the unique character and strengths of our area.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your careful consideration and to working together to ensure the best outcomes for our community.

Sincerely,

Kristen Lark  
Chief Executive Officer  
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