



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 553

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee"

Subject: Draft plans to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney in the proposed 2024 NSW redistribution

We am a residents of Gladesville NSW 2111 which is located in the Federal seat of North Sydney. My family and I have lived here since 1989, and we have a strong connection to the communities and schools here. Though we are now retired we have operated offices in Lane Cove and Gladesville at various times over these years.

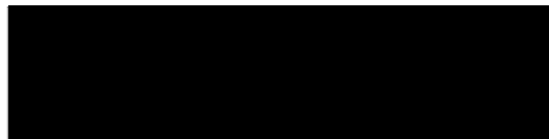
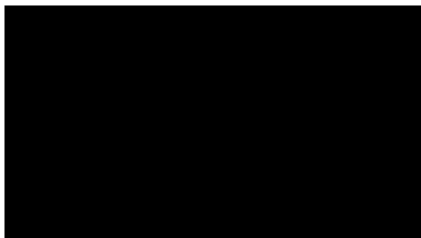
We would request that you please consider Kylea Tink MP's proposal to retain a North Sydney seat with adjusted boundaries to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

We do not believe that the seat of North Sydney should be abolished because:

1. The population right across our electorate is growing and altering rapidly and all affected Municipalities have has been targeted by the NSW State Government for significant growth in coming years. The AEC's proposal does not appear to account for this growth.
2. North Sydney is home to many environmental, humanitarian, religious and social groups who work together to improve our community. It is telling that 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. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English at home. And we are home to several active and competitive sports teams, including two of the largest community-based sporting organisations in the state.
3. The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity. North Sydney is one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago and we are proud to have been represented by a prime minister, a treasurer and independent trailblazer Ted Mack during our time at this location.

We strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request for it to remain, with minimal changes to accommodate future projected changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW and to retain the historical relevance of the electorate.

Yours faithfully



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 Gladesville, NSW 2111

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