



**THE FEDERAL
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To Whom It May Concern

I believe the seat of North Sydney should be preserved as a federal electorate and for multiple reasons.

1. There are significant cultural differences to the surrounding electorates.
2. North Sydney has a proud history of voting outside the two party framework, electing an independent (Ted Mack) in 1990 and then re-electing him in 1993. The election in 2022 saw a repeat of this vote for an independent candidate (Kylea Tink). This profile would be lost if the electorate of North Sydney were to be split up between surrounding electorates. The proposal to break it up is a cynical move by the major political parties to suppress the will of the people of the area to have independent representation in the Federal Parliament. This should be decided at the ballot box, not by redrawing electoral boundaries by party officials in backrooms.
3. The population in the electorate of North Sydney is growing, not shrinking
4. At a time when sport and cultural identity have never been more closely aligned, the National Rugby League is about to return the North Sydney Bears to the premiership competition, with high profile matches to be played at its spiritual home of North Sydney Oval. This reinforces the collective interest of the community that should be represented in the Federal Parliament