



**THE FEDERAL  
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 571

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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.

My name is Sylvia Mather and I reside in Milsons Point, in the Federal seat of North Sydney. I have lived here since 1991, when my husband took up a position at the University of Sydney at RNSH. Our family members also reside in North Sydney. We are now octogenarian retirees, who enjoy living in a very convenient and wonderful neighborhood.

I ask 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.

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

1. North Sydney is the third-largest business centre in Australia, containing communications, property and business services and wholesale and retail industries, which require a dedicated local member to oversee it.
2. North Sydney is a wonderfully diverse, highly educated, and cohesive community, seeking independent representation in 2022 and voting for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in 2023. North Sydney has the nation's second-highest proportion (56.4%) of high-income families.
3. We respect and value our cultural diversity, with half of our population born overseas and a third speaking a language other than English. We have two of the largest community-based sporting organizations in the state.
4. The historical significance of the federal seat of North Sydney is part of our community's identity, as one of the 75 original federation divisions contested in Australia's first federal election 123 years ago.
5. North Sydney is an inner metropolitan seat covering an area of 53 sq. km. with 117,710 electors (2022), and our population is set to expand in the future.

I strongly oppose the draft proposal that the seat of North Sydney be abolished and request it remain, with minimal changes to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

Yours faithfully

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