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Objection 644

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Date 12 July 2024

RE: Objection to the AEC's proposal to abolish the federal seat of North Sydney

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the AEC's proposal to abolish the seat of North Sydney on a number of grounds:

- North Sydney's population is set to grow significantly due to the opening of a number of new Metro stops within the next 12 months. The AEC has not factored the growth in population in its decision making. North Sydney Council alone is expecting nearly 20,000 new residents to move into the area. There is significant rezoning happening around the Crows Nest metro that will extend into the surrounding areas. The AEC should be forecasting the growth in the area.
- North Sydney voted Yes to the Voice. We are a consolidated community with shared values that are not expressed by the surrounding seats who chose to vote No. An example of why our seat should remain.
- Many residents of North Sydney actively campaigned for a stop to the Northern Beaches Tunnel. Residents of Waringah were pro the tunnel. If part of North Sydney is absorbed into the electorate of Waringah, how could an elected representative adequately help the electorate if the issue of the tunnel is raised again?
- My residential address will see me absorbed into the electorate of Bradfield which is already a very large geographical area. I don't believe a candidate can fully engage with voters across such a large area. The concerns of people living in leafy North Turramurra are not the same as the people living in a congested North Sydney. I can't see that one MP can adequately represent the proposed new boundaries.
- The electorate of North Sydney came together in the last election to vote for a community independent who best represents our values and needs.
- North Sydney has been a Federal Seat since federation and I can see no reason why it should be abolished.

I strongly object to abolishment of the seat of North Sydney. Our community is strong and should not be divided by the AEC. I request that the seat of North Sydney remains intact for the good of our community.

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