



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 672

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To The Redistribution Committee

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Dear Committee,

I object the proposed abolishment of the North Sydney federal electorate based on its strong community cohesion and projected population growth, as detailed below:

Community cohesion and connectivity

During my time in Sydney, I've lived in different suburbs within the electorate: North Sydney, Wollstonecraft, and now Chatswood. Despite changing addresses, my engagement, friendships, and community involvement remain firmly rooted within the electorate. It's a cohesive community built on shared values and interests that the proposed redistribution threatens to disrupt.

Examples highlighting our community's "North Sydney" identity include:

- I'm active in the Burra Road community garden in Artarmon, which attracts diverse members and visitors from across the electorate, united by interests in gardening, sustainability, and community contribution.
- The electorate has many such groups. I volunteer with the local Wilderness Society and Lane Cove community nursery, reflecting our shared commitment to environmental care.
- My daughter used to attend Chatswood Public School, participating in after-school activities in the Chatswood CBD and visiting the local library at Chatswood Concourse, which would now be in a different electorate due to the Pacific Highway boundary. This separation also detaches our local Chatswood station from Chatswood and Chatswood West.

In contrast to these strong ties within the North Sydney electorate, we have no community connections with Ryde/Bennelong.

Population growth

Furthermore, it seems short-sighted to abolish an electorate where strong population growth is expected. Willoughby City projects 11,872 more people by 2036 (p. 11 of "Our Future Willoughby", <https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Council/Policies-and-publications/Publications/Community-Strategic-Plan-Our-Future-Willoughby-2032>).

Kind regards,

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