



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 701

Suzy Bessell

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Dear NSW augmented Electoral Commission,

I am writing to object to the proposal of the Redistribution Committee for NSW to abolish the electorate of North Sydney. I request that the Commission consider the alternative proposal submitted by Kylea Tink MP which would retain the electorate of North Sydney with adjusted boundaries as required to accommodate changes in overall numbers of electors in NSW.

The proposed abolition of the electorate of North Sydney does not take account of the electorate's importance as an economic community of interest and our electorate's unique sense of identity. It also does not make sense given the current increases in population already underway in the electorate.

I believe it is important to keep the North Sydney CBD (the third largest) in the same electorate as the more than 25,000 small businesses in the North Sydney electorate, many of which are located in the industrial area around Artarmon and in the Crows Nest and St Leonards area which is experiencing significant growth. It makes sense to have a federal Member of Parliament to advocate for this economic community of interest which is very important not only for our community but also for the economy of NSW.

Within the current North Sydney electoral boundaries, we have a unique community with a very strong sense of social connection. This Federation seat has played an important and historic role in our Parliament since its inception, including having twice elected independent MPs. This in itself demonstrates the strength of our North Sydney community. I believe that most residents in the North Sydney electorate identify strongly with our area – not their proposed new electorates on the upper North Shore, Ryde or the Northern Beaches.

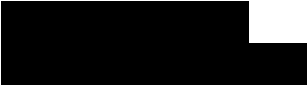
Given that there is significant population growth underway within the existing North Sydney electorate, particularly around Crows Nest and St Leonards, I do not believe that it makes sense to abolish the seat of North Sydney now when in all likelihood the next time there is a redistribution, boundaries will need to be redrawn to account for this population growth.

For all of these reasons, I ask that the Commission adopt Kylea Tink MP's alternative redistribution option to retain most of the current seat of North Sydney with amended boundaries to take account of the changes to numbers of electors in NSW.

Yours sincerely

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