



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Objection 732

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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

**Subject: Objection to the Abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney**

My name is Graham Mathason and I have been the owner / occupier of a house in Crows Nest since 2011. Prior to this, I lived on the Northern Beaches for 10 years following a move interstate with my family as part of a business takeover. I write to voice my objection to the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries resulting in the abolition of the Federal Seat of North Sydney.

In the fairness of proportional representation, it is my firm belief that this review is premature and would be more appropriate to consider prior to the 2028 Federal Election cycle, and following the data collected from the 2026 census. Current estimates of population changes are not a robust enough argument considering North Sydney Seat's rapid ongoing development. In addition, I believe that North Sydney Council's estimates for population growth for the next 10 years exceed those adopted by the Redistribution Committee and their planning around public facilities supports this.

The current Federal and State Governments have made affordable housing a priority and are both also considering a variety of legislative solutions to create new accommodation and to minimize underutilized and/or empty properties to ease pressure on housing requirements. This is just as prevalent in the seat of North Sydney as much as anywhere else. Furthermore, there have been, and continue to be, significant multi-story developments in the current North Sydney electorate since the last census was conducted in August 2021 with the resulting increase in population density in North Sydney as this development is completed. The new Metro stations in Crows Nest and North Sydney only highlight the expectation that there will be an increase in population living in and travelling through the electorate.

Having lived in both the electorates (Warringah and North Sydney) I am in a position to observe the needs of these communities are vastly different to one another and would not be well served by a single Federal seat. Both deserve the focused attention of their own Federal Member in the Australian Parliament as is currently the case.

The seat of North Sydney was a foundation electorate in 1901 federation of Australia and it would be a major disappointment to see that history dismissed. The Seat has also been home on occasion to non-party aligned independent members which is an important circuit breaker to the party politics that don't represent electors from time to time.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours faithfully,

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