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To: The NSW Redistribution Committee

Subject: **Comment on objections for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on objections for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution. Please refer to North Sydney's federal MP Kylea Tink's objection: #OB686 (the PDF is [here](#)).

I wish to support the contents regarding the AEC properly factoring in the population projections for the electorate of North Sydney (please see page 7 of the above objection).

Additionally, when it comes to population, only last week there was an announcement regarding Crows Nest, a suburb in the current North Sydney federal electorate. The announcement titled 'More homes, jobs and amenities planned for Bankstown, Crows Nest and Homebush' released on 16 Jul 2024 refers to "proposals for the second group of TOD Accelerated Precincts [which] are: **Crows Nest– 3,255 new homes with between 325-488 as affordable housing and 2,600 new jobs.**" According to the announcement,

"The TOD program is part of the Minns Government's commitment to rebalance housing growth around transport infrastructure as part of the Government's efforts to confront the housing crisis and provide opportunities for the next generation of people instead of having them leave our city.

"According to a report by the NSW Productivity and Equality Commissioner, between 2016 and 2021, Sydney lost twice as many people aged 30 to 40 as it gained, with a net loss of 35,000 young people from the city.

Source is [here](#) and might be of interest to the AEC when considering redistribution decisions, given such plans encourage population growth for the area, amongst other benefits.

More broadly, I personally think that the decision to scrap an entire federal seat based on falling population that occurred partially during a pandemic is not a strategic decision. A pandemic is fortunately not a normal occurrence so making such large-scale and disruptive decisions based on what happened during that time does not seem logical.

It would be better to be conservative regarding decisions to abolish seats if the decision is based on population data, as there are clearly plans to help people stay in NSW, including the federal seat of North Sydney.

Thank you for your time.

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