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To whom it may concern:

Australian Electoral Commission (Attn: NSW Redistribution Secretariat)

Objections for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution

As a constituent of the electorate of Mackellar, I noticed recent media reports suggesting that the boundaries of the Mackellar electorate may be shifted as is a common AEC process to review and realign electorate boundaries as part of population changes and people movements.

The Northern Beaches of Sydney is a unique precinct having rather common geographical boundaries already, with 3 entry / exit points at the Spit Bridge in Middle Harbour (the A8), the Roseville Bridge in Roseville / Forestville (the A38) and, Mona Vale Road at Belrose / Terrey Hills (the A3).

The make-up of the constituents of Mackellar have formed together naturally within these boundaries, with a common council and shared community spirit and values. The Northern Beaches culture is unique, often referred to as the insular peninsula for good reason. Notwithstanding the Southern part of the peninsula being part of the Warringah electorate.

To consider shifting the boundary Westward simply for geographical purposes does not make practical or cultural sense. The people of the North Shore (part of Bradfield), see themselves with a completely different cultural identity. Furthermore, the resources required to split MacKellar across the Northern Beaches and North Shore would add unnecessary cost.

My wife & I oppose any change to the MacKellar boundary away from the Northern Beaches geography.

Yours faithfully,

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