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NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Comment on objections 27

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**Submission: RE OBJECTIONS TO ELECTORAL BOUNDARY RE-DISTRIBUTION**

**Electorate: MACKELLAR**

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the objections being lodged by parties to the AEC's proposed boundary changes, I wish to voice my opinion on the suggestion that Mackellar's new boundary take in the suburb of St Ives.

Raised from early childhood in Mona Vale I have a strong affiliation with and knowledge the Northern Beaches area. While I understand that times change there are many historical factors to take into consideration which still exist today.

The area of St Ives has very different community and social activities to those of Mackellar as well as the two having separate councils. Even the Mayor of Ku-Ring-Gai Council has commented that the people of St Ives are better served by remaining in the Ku-Ring-Gai Council area. The 'culture' of the Upper North Shore is totally different to that of the suburbs in Mackellar.

The Mackellar suburbs are separated from St Ives by two National Parks plus Cowan and Middle Creeks which have created a major natural boundary for years.

Additionally, the public transport networks of each area are totally unrelated. There are no direct public transport links between Forestville (in Mackellar) and St Ives as well as St Ives and the suburbs in southern Mackellar.

The decision by the AEC Redistribution Committee to keep Mackellar wholly within the Northern Beaches Council area makes perfect sense. The absorption into Mackellar of Killarney Heights and Curl Curl is far more logical as they are already sister-suburbs which incorporate the same Council and the same public transport system. The assimilation of these areas would be seamless.

Sincerely

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