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Comment on objections 51

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Dear Commission Members

Re: Proposed redistribution for Mackellar electorate

I write to say the Commission did a fantastic job with the proposed boundaries for the Mackellar electorate.

I have read both **Objections 676 and 686** and feel that both, in suggesting a north west boundary change to incorporate St Ives, **do not reflect the diverse character and community attachment of St Ives and the Northern Beaches (Mackellar).**

Having grown up on the North Shore, very close to St Ives, I know that it is a totally different area to Mackellar (Northern Beaches). St Ives residents are often very proud of being part of that community – they do not relate as “beaches” residents. The issues are different - they have different councils, different sporting competitions and associations, different school catchments, different shopping and business precincts and largely unrelated transport networks.

The two areas are separated by Garigal National Park – there is no cross link between Mackellar and St Ives through the park except for Mona Vale Road – the park is a natural geographical boundary between the two areas.

The public transport system is only minimal between Mona Vale and St Ives, and not available from the rest of Mackellar. Whereas the areas proposed by the AEC to be added to Mackellar are easily available by the established public transport and road network. These areas are already generally part of all sporting competitions within Mackellar – eg The Manly Warringah Football Association conducts sport for thousands of players – none of which are held in the Ku-ring-gai area of which St Ives is a part. Yet the games are played in Killarney Heights and Curl Curl which would be within the AEC proposal.

I applaud all suggestions to keep Mackellar within the one Local Government area – the co-operation between all levels of government works well and to the benefit of the constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



- The two regions are also divided physically by distance and geography by the Garigal and Ku-ring-gai National Parks and Cowan and Middle Creeks which for many decades have formed what is considered a major boundary by the AEC.
- The public transport links between St Ives and the rest of Mackellar are weak. There are no direct links between St Ives and Frenchs Forest, or St Ives and the southern parts of Mackellar
- The Redistribution Committee decided to keep Mackellar wholly within the Northern Beaches Council area as the most logical outcome. As the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council said in [his submission](#) it would also benefit the people of St Ives to remain in the Ku-ring-gai Council area.

St Ives is geographically separated from Mackellar by Garigal National Park