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## Comment on objections for the 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution

I note with concern some of the objections to the proposal by the AEC to the redistribution of electorates which directly concern the electorate of MacKellar.

I am a resident of Mackellar and have been for over 10 years and prior to that a resident of Bradfield for nearly 15 years. Therefore, believe that have I sufficient knowledge of both electorates to comment.

I believe the current proposal by the AEC to move the boundary south into Warringah and **not** move it further west to Bradfield thereby incorporating St Ives is the most commonsense approach.

Having lived in Bradfield my association with the community and its activities has been focussed within the Bradfield electorate including St Ives. There was a rare interaction with the Northern Beaches from a community point of view. There was much clearer association with the communities of the lower North Shore.

Conversely, now living In the Northern Beaches my interaction with the communities of Bradfield is very limited. It is purely an area where I just transit through.

There is a clear natural geographic boundary between western part of Mackellar at Terry Hills and the eastern part of Bradfield at St Ives.

Extending the boundary of Mackellar as proposed by the AEC would maintain Mackellar entirely within the Northern Beaches Council which also makes sense because it will enable much less complex between the electorate and the Northern Beaches Council.

For these reasons I support the current proposal by the AEC noting that some redistribution has to occur.