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Comment on objections 137

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Re: Comments on objections to the proposed NSW redistribution 671 & 686.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the objections to the proposed AEC boundary redistribution.

Proposals proposal to move the boundaries of the Division of Mackellar westward into St Ives in objections 671 and 686 are illogical and NOT supported

The inclusion of the St Ives into the Mackellar Division is inconsistent with requirements set out in Section 66 of Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

I. community of interests, including economic, social and regional interests.

II. the means of travel and communication

III. the physical features of the area, and IV. the boundaries of existing divisions in the State

The areas are geographically isolated by National Park with different Councils, sporting competitions, school catchments, shopping and business precincts. Public transport connections from Northern Beaches to St Ives are essentially non-existent.

I grew up and schooled on the North Shore for 40 years before relocating to the Northern Beaches. The North Shore is a special place however distinctly different and separate to the Mackellar electorate in both community attitudes and culture.

The southern and Northern end of Mackellar are entirely within the Northern beaches LGA and linked through transportation, education, business and services and remain the most logical choice.

Your sincerely,

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