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Comment on Objections to the Boundary Redistribution of the Mackellar Electorate


I am writing to submit a written comment on objections to the proposed redistribution, specifically Objections 671 and 686.

I am a resident of the Mackellar electorate which is a Northern Beaches electorate extending from Palm Beach in the north to Dee Why in the south. The new draft boundaries published by the AEC are extending the electorate to the south to include the rest of Dee Why, Forestville, and Frenchs Forest, plus the addition of Killarney Heights and North Curl Curl. These changes are completely logical and I fully support them. The additions are all Northern Beaches suburbs with the same interests, community spirit and culture, and share local amenities such as shopping centres and sporting facilities.

Objections 671 and 686 promote extending the boundary of Mackellar to the west to include St Ives on the Upper North Shore. I do not think this is a logical move and I do not support it. St Ives would be completely distanced from the rest of the electorate as it is separated by the large expanse of the Garigal and Kuringgai National Parks, it has a completely different culture to the Northern Beaches suburbs, it has minimal public transport links connecting it to the Northern Beaches, and has different local amenities such as shopping centres and sporting facilities. It would be isolated from the rest of the electorate.

In summary, I fully support the new draft boundaries published by the AEC, and I do not support the changes to Mackellar promoted by Objections 671 and 686.

Yours sincerely
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