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# Comment on objections 15

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Hi AEC,

Objections to expansion of Mackellar Electorate west instead of south.

I would like to object to suggestions made by a large number of people who do not live in Mackellar that have made submissions suggesting that its boundary, instead of moving south to Dee Why and Killarney Heights etc, should move west to include St Ives and St Ives Chase on the upper North Shore.

- St Ives is part of the Upper North Shore, and Mackellar is part of the Northern Beaches. The North Shore and the Northern Beaches are different and separate communities as they have different councils, different sporting competitions, different school catchments, different shopping and business precincts and largely unrelated transport networks.
- 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.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Best regards

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