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Re: Comments on the Proposed Redistribution of the Division of Mackellar

Further to the release of the proposed redistribution of Federal electorate boundaries for the Division of Mackellar, please find below an Objections Submission on my behalf.

I applaud the decision to add Dee Why, North Curl Curl, Frenchs Forest, Killarney Heights and Forestville. These areas, have all the below common with the rest of Mackellar, as 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

I have lived in this area since 1989, I have raised my children here. The communities that live here socialise, shop and play sports up to the beaches and with the wider Forest areas of Frenchs Forest and Killarney.

In comparison my social networks do not extend across at all to the St Ives area. My children have never played sports there, we have no reason to shop or eat there and the fact that public transport directly there is non-existent tells you how little we have in common.

Your proposed amendment to Mackellar works well. It unites areas that have more in common. Any move to include St Ives would be at odds to the pre-existing community links and in addition would bring in another council area, adding confusion and another layer of complexity that is not required.

Great job AEC!

Kind regards,

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