



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Comment on Objections 144

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To whom it may concern

I don't not agree with the redistribution proposal outlined in objection 671 & 686, both of which propose moving the boundaries of the Division of Mackellar westward into St Ives.

I understand that the authors of these submissions may be defending their own political survival, however this should not form the basis of determining electoral boundaries.

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.

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. These landmarks should continue to define the boundaries.

The public transport links between St Ives and the rest of Mackellar are essentially non existent with employment opportunities only possible using private vehicles.

Please maintain our shared sense of community and keep the Mackellar electorate entirely within the Northern beaches LGA.

Yours sincerely,

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