



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

# Comment on Objections 195

Tristan Wearne

1 page

## My feedback for Objection 671

Please find for consideration, my feedback to objection 671.

### **1. Locality of St Ives in the Division of Bradfield is NOT similar to the Division of Mackellar.**

Under the first point "1. The division of Warringah", at the bottom of page 2 it states "*...the locality of St Ives ... an area with similar amenity, features and connections to the Division of Mackellar.*"

As a resident of the Northern Beaches (Mona Vale and Church Point) since 2006 I have to disagree with the comment that the locality of St Ives is an area with similar features and connection to the Division of Mackellar.

- 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 with 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.

### **2. Original rationale re inner vs outer metropolitan area as area for abolition**

Re the second point "2. The abolition of North Sydney and the considered abolition of Warringah", I strongly agree with the points she raises. In particular:

- The concern that the Redistribution Committee has given disproportionate consideration to politically motivated suggestions by political parties and their members over community suggestions and has not sufficiently considered abolishing divisions held by either the Liberal Party or National Party. That is, the outcome seems targeted to female independents, with a conveniently skewed justification that inner metropolitan areas have less growth.
- The composition of the House of Representatives should accurately reflect the Australian population and upholds principles of gender equality and diversity.