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The Australian Electoral Commission
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New South Wales Federal Redistribution – Mackellar

I respectfully request that the electorate of Mackellar should extend slightly to the south, to allow Mackellar to remain within a single local government area (the Northern Beaches Council), as well as wholly within the culturally unique Northern Beaches region – taking into account the major and minor boundaries, such as National Parks, creeks, lagoons, and major roads.

The proposed division:

- Keep the proposed Division of Mackellar wholly within the Northern Beaches Council area, instead of crossing the local government boundary between the Northern Beaches Council and the Ku-Ring-Gai Council, and
- Use the existing boundary through the Garigal and Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Parks.

Here's why:

- The new geographical boundaries utilises a major road and a significant waterway or parkland.
- The suburbs of Dee Why and Forestville, Frenchs Forest, Oxford Falls were previously split between 2 electorates and have been united into Mackellar – eliminating the confusion for voters.
- The changes enhance the unique culture of the Northern Beaches and the already strong connections between these local communities.

- The changes keep Mackellar within the one local council area which helps to maintain the strong local culture, enhancing a strong sense of community spirit that connects the community.
- A new, clear, minor boundary would be created along Curl Curl Lagoon. This waterway passes through a 250-400m-wide ribbon of parkland and clearly defines suburbs to the north and south. The love of Mackellar's unique natural environment, our beaches, waterways and bushland, is a unifying thread that connects the Mackellar community.
- It will enhance the Northern Beaches identity which is already such an intrinsic part of the community of Mackellar.
- The new boundaries include many schools which are attended by students/families from all over the Mackellar electorate, including St Lukes Grammar (with its primary campus in Bayview in Mackellar) and Manly Selective Campus (where my children attends).

Thank you,

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of Avalon Beach