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I wish to express my support for Peter Mitchell's submission and specifically his proposal for the Mackellar electorate to be expanded southwards to include all of Dee Why and North Curl Curl. This option allows for the necessary increase in electors while posing the least disruption to the existing boundaries. Importantly, the proposed change also makes sound sense from a culture and community perspective.

A longtime resident of Mackellar, I have experienced the strong sense of identity and spirit of my home electorate in both a personal and professional capacity. As an author, I am part of the creative arts community which extends across the Northern Beaches. Key to this thriving community of creatives is a shared love for the local environment, for the bush and beaches which connect us and shape our practice. As a mother I have seen how sense of place connects young people from Avalon to Dee Why, and the pride with which our kids say they are 'from the beaches'.

My concern is that our sense of belonging and identity are not disrupted and weakened by arbitrary boundaries. I therefore wholeheartedly endorse this submission which takes into account communities of interest and aims not to divide but to strengthen and unify.

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