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Comment on Objections 13

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I am a long-term resident of the Northern Beaches and have no concerns about the proposed redistribution of Mackellar. The proposed change makes sense by bringing the suburbs of Dee Why, Forestville and Frenchs Forest wholly within Mackellar instead of being split and add Killarney Heights and North Curl Curl. I consider these changes logical as they strengthen the unique Northern Beaches culture and unite "communities of interest" within Mackellar.

I am concerned however by a number of objections by people who do not live in Mackellar who have made submissions suggesting that our boundary, instead of moving south as above, should move west to include St Ives and St Ives Chase on the upper North Shore.

The reasons that this does not make sense are:

- 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 as they have 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
- The Redistribution Committee decided to keep Mackellar wholly within the Northern Beaches Council area as the most logical outcome. As the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council said in [his submission](#) it would also benefit the people of St Ives to remain in the Ku-ring-gai Council area.

Yours sincerely

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