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Comment on Objections 201

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To Whom it May Concern

I write to add my voice to the objection for the Elctorate of Mackellar to further expand its boundary Westward toward St Ives and the Upper North Shore.

Having been born in the electorate of Mackellar, I regard the characteristics that make a cohesive culture is the access to the coast line and the surrounding bushland escarpments, some of which also have some water frontage. Mackellar is part of the Northern Beaches. The North Shore and the Northern Beaches are different and separate communities. Over the years they have had different councils, first Pittwater and now Northern Beaches, shopping precincts and therefore, small business. Not being served by rail, Mackellar is used to a busy bus network and school districts are organised around the proximity to the coast and surrounding bushland (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).

On the other had 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 should keep Mackellar wholly within the Northern Beaches Council area and keeping St Ives in the Ku-ring-gai Council area would surely benefit the North Shore residents.

Lastly, if you were to consult the average person on the street in Mackellar you would find they feel quite distinct and separate to the North Shore communities.

Please listen to your communities.

Regards,

Roberta Ferguson

