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Comment on Objections 5

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To whom it shall concern

I refer to the question of the boundary of Mackellar.

I live in Mackellar in Avalon in what is clearly the Northern Beaches.

The communities here are linked. There is a continuous transport link up and down the coast – and we travel on it every time we go to town. We also shop regularly in the area.

There is a big and natural divide in Sydney which is Middle Harbour and Middle Harbour Creek – which divides the Northern Beaches from The North Shore.

There are three ways out of the Northern Beaches – Mona Vale Road, The Roseville Bridge and the Spit Bridge. (There are two ferry routes too but that is it.) This is possibly the most transport-locked part of all of Sydney. No other large area of Sydney is limited to access by only three roads.

The suburbs on one side of those traffic snarls culturally and physically belong together, and they do not belong with the suburbs on the other sides of that traffic snarl.

As a Northern Beaches person I have been to the suburbs on the other side of that divide less than three times in the last twelve months.

I do not know anyone in St Ives, St Ives Chase or the upper north shore. That would be typical around here.

I refer to the famous Tharunka Map of Sydney.

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In many of the maps the Upper North Shore is separated from the Beaches. Accurately – in the map of Sydney according to the North Shore they consider our suburbs as places for weekenders, not places they live.

They also all have far stronger links to the CBD than we do. There is a direct Train Line which feeds them to the city. We have to make do with buses – and fortunately they give those buses a dedicated lane over the Spit Bridge or the traffic snarl would be unbearable.

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