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Comment on Objections 11

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Comments on proposed AEC new draft boundaries for NSW in respect to the proposed changes to the Mackellar electoral boundaries which I broadly support

I would like to comment on **Objection 671 & Objection 686** which suggest an alternative boundary change to bring in St Ives to the Mackellar electorate. I don't believe this is a sensible outcome for the following reasons

- Having lived on both the North Shore (Pymble) and now the Northern Beaches it is clear that St Ives is part of the Upper North Shore, and Mackellar is part of the Northern Beaches. My children played sport for Pymble and St Ives was clearly part of the North Shore community for all sporting and community events. 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.

Kind regards

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