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# Comment on objections 20

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Reference Objections: 671 & 686

I do not wish to see the existing boundary of the Mackellar federal electorate moved west into what is now the Bradfield electorate.

- (1) The area of Bradfield that is proposed to be absorbed into Mackellar is remote and divided from the existing Mackellar population. Geography and distance make a divided electorate. Existing national parkland separating the areas will ensure there is never a reasonably seamless continuity of population.
- (2) The population of St Ives is most closely associated with its adjacent neighbours in the Kuring-gai area and will benefit from remaining within that area.
- (3) Public transport options between St Ives and Mackellar in general are poor. As are road options for private vehicles. The primary route between St Ives and Mona Vale is dangerously accident prone and bottlenecked.
- (4) A substantial part of Mackellar covers Sydney's Northern Beaches with St Ives being an established part of Sydney's North Shore. With differing business districts, schooling arrangements, sports competitions and transport networks the two areas do not naturally align.

Yours faithfully,

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