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Comment on objections 100

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Redistribution Committee

New South Wales Australian Electoral Commission

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Re: Objection 671 and Comments on the Proposed Redistribution of the Division of Warringah, Mackellar and abolition of Division of North Sydney.

Proposals to extend Mackellar westward to include St Ives and St Ives Chase jar with the historical character of communities considered part of the Northern Beaches.

St Ives is very much an Upper North Shore or Kur-ing-gai area. Its community organisations are characteristically 'Upper North Shore' and have few close links with the Northern Beaches community.

On the other hand, the inclusion of all of Dee Why and North Curl in Mackellar binds together the multiple links including sporting organisations, surf clubs, school connections, primary and high school student flow and access to medical and hospital services. The geography of the coastline also supports the inclusion of these beachside residents in the Division of Mackellar.

While respecting the AEC's efforts to find the just and accurate redistribution of boundaries, it appears unwise to abolish the Division of North Sydney which also has a distinct geographic and community character.

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