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Comments on the Proposed MacKellar Electorate Redistribution

I support the suggested change to my Federal Electorate: Mackellar and am strongly against the submitted Objections 671 and 686.

These propose the electorate boundary moves westward to include part of the North Shore.

The first three stated criteria for boundary consideration are:

- Communities of interest - economic and social (e.g. sporting, competitions, schools, groups etc)
- Transport links and communication
- Physical features in the area

The suggested North Shore suburbs are separated from the current MacKellar Electorate via a major physical barrier – Ku-ring-gai National Par, Cowan and Middle Creek and the Pittwater expanse. They are in a completely different Local Government Area.

The North Shore and the Norther Beaches (where the Mackellar boundaries currently sit) have very different geodemographic profiles, lifestyles and population.

The Northern Beaches is a cohesive community with a strong and unique culture, which is defined by the coastal and forest lifestyles (surf clubs, schools, community groups including RFS, sporting competitions, services).

A southern expansion of the boundary would:

- Keep the electorate within a Local Government Area
- Will extend the current comparable population profile
- Be within a physical geographic region.

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