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Comment on Objections 176

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Thank you to the Redistribution Committee of NSW for their thorough and considered work to date on the Proposed Redistribution for NSW, released in May 2024.

The proposed changes for Mackellar are that:

- Mackellar will stay within the Northern Beaches Council area.
- St Ives will stay in Bradfield.
- Mackellar will gain electors from North Curl Curl, Killarney Heights, and additional parts of Dee Why, Forestville and Frenchs Forest.
- Boost Mackellar's projected electors to April 2028 by 15,222.

100s of Objections to the Proposal for the Division of Mackellar have been submitted, many supporting Objection 671 by Zali Steggall OAM MP and Objection 686 by Kylea Tink MP.

Generally, these objections are from people who live outside of Mackellar and they either do not understand the existing communities of interest in Mackellar, or they show little regard for them.

Comment on suggested transfer of St Ives to Mackellar

These objections suggest that the locality of St Ives should be transferred to Mackellar. The Proposed Redistribution shows that the NSW Committee considered this option and decided against it. I support this decision because:

- There is no community of interest between St Ives and other areas in Mackellar,
- Transport links between St Ives and other areas in Mackellar are weak or non-existent, and
- Garigal and Ku-ring-gai National Parks are significant physical features which separate St Ives from Mackellar, Ku-ring-gai Council from Northern Beaches Council and the North Shore from the Northern Beaches.
- It recognises that as the Commonwealth Electorate Act 1918 states consideration given to state division boundaries should be subordinate to the consideration of communities of interest, transport and physical features.

Alternative Suggestion

Only transfer electors to Mackellar from Dee Why South, North Curl Curl, and Dee Why North from Warringah. This would increase Mackellar's projected electors by 8,236, keeping it within the acceptable range.

This approach minimizes disruption to current electors in Warringah, unites Dee Why in the one division, keeps community connections intact and eliminates voter confusion for electors in Dee Why.

Thank you to the augmented Electoral Commission of NSW for considering this submission.

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