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Submission from Susan Coleman into AEC Boundary changes for Mackellar

1. St Ives is part of the Upper North Shore, and Mackellar is part of the Northern Beaches. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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
4. 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.

As a resident of Mackellar I personally have nothing in common with the community in St. Ives. it would be isolated by distance, geography, weak or non existent public transport links and is within a different council area. We have different sporting shopping and business precincts. 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).

AEC boundary changes should unite and strengthen communities of interest, not divide them.

Whereas the proposal to include a section in Killarney and in Curl Curl/Dee Why in Mackellar does make sense. It is the opposite of all the reasons not to include St. Ives. The geography has no natural barriers, the public transport is linked and strong, the sporting and cultural activities are shared, and the shopping precincts are accessible and convenient. It is within the same Local Government area.

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