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Comments on objections to the proposed redistribution

My name is Christian Kent. I live in Dee Why in the division of Mackellar and wish to make comments on objections to the boundaries of proposed electoral divisions.

Objection 736

The objection begins with the heading “Example” and contains only prewritten arguments against the AEC proposal to move the Mackellar-Warringah boundary south.

Objection 218

The objection says it is written “as a community member residing in [name suburb]” (not my emphasis) and contains only prewritten arguments against the AEC proposal to move the Mackellar-Warringah boundary south.

Objection 221

The objection contains only the directions to submit an objection, and the prewritten arguments as supplied. The submission is not sincere and does not attempt to make a case against the AEC proposal to move the Mackellar-Warringah boundary south.

Objections 222 and 220

These objections contain only prewritten arguments that are also seen in the above objections. I might have missed more examples, but we need to gather more feedback, not less: We need more evidence — with more experience & circumstances — that people can see how the changes relate to them, or to others around them.

What I see in my experience and with friends, neighbours and local businesses is that life in Mackellar is oriented north-south: Everything revolves around the coast. It may not be best practice for Sydney to have a “hub & spoke” model but that’s certainly what the reality is. In reality, if you can’t get what you need in Mona Vale or Warriewood, you go south. You go to Brookvale and Warringah Mall, and if you can’t get it there, you go to the city via the lower north shore.

It’s all true, for anything like education, events, specialists, choosing a club, or you need to buy new parts. Just as clearly, if you’re in Manly or Balgowlah or Brookvale and need more, you cross a bridge and look to the lower north shore, and if that’s not enough, take a bigger bridge into the city. The current AEC proposal for Warringah reflects this.

Yours etc

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