



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Comment on Objections 232

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PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Comments on objections to the proposed redistribution

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"The Division of Mackellar requires a net addition of between 7,117 to 16,189 constituents to meet the projected requirements on 10 April 2028. As I have previously suggested these could come from the locality of St Ives (projected 14,366 constituents in April 2028) in the Division of Bradfield an area with similar amenity, features and connections to the Division of Mackellar."

1. **Communities of interest - economic and social (e.g. sporting, competitions, schools, groups etc)**

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. **Transport links and communication**

The Division of Bradfield is located such that the main transport routes are orientated north / south for road and public transport – rail and buses network, reflecting the physical eastern boundary with the Division of Mackellar of the Garigal and Ku-ring-gai National Parks and Cowan and Middle Creeks.

The three transport access routes to & from Mackellar

- Mona vale Road – St Ives
- Warringah Rd
- Spit Bridge

The later two are the predominant access routes linking to Mackellar to the city and nearest rail station – Chatswood

The main Public transport routes are North south via Spit Bridge and East west via Warringah Rd and not Mona Vale Road.

Mona Vale Rd is predominantly used by vehicles to access North / North West of Sydney rather than as St Ives is not a Major Transport Hub.

3. Physical features in the area

The two regions of Division of Bradfield & Mackellar are 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.

4. **State electorate divisions (this is subordinate to the above 3 considerations)**

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.

Kind Regards

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