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Redistribution of Mackellar Electorate

I wish to comment on the recent proposal about the changes to Mackellar federal electorate.

Any adjustments to my electorate should focus on incorporating existing 'beaches' suburbs – ie Dee Why, Forestville and Frenchs Forest, Killarney Heights and North Curl Curl - NOT suburbs from the North Shore (St Ives, St Ives Chase) which makes no sense at all for the following reasons

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.