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# Comment on objections 147

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## RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS 671 & 686

I am writing regarding the proposal for Mackellar to be extended west to include St Ives.

A long-term resident of Mackellar, I believe this proposal does *not* make sense for the following reasons:

- St Ives is part of the Upper North Shore and is geographically and culturally distinct from Mackellar in the Northern Beaches
- Poor public transport links between the two areas mean that St Ives would remain separate and isolated from the rest of Mackellar
- Mackellar has a strong and unique community defined by the coast and the hills area and reinforced by interschool links, sport and economic interests. Changes to electoral boundaries should be coherent with regional identities and existing community connections rather than introducing divisions.