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Comment on Objections 169

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This letter is written in response to objections to the AEC's redistribution committee proposed changes. In particular this letter responds to Objection 671 & Objection 686.

I live in Mackellar with my wife and children and have done for nearly 30 years. In my opinion the changes proposed by the redistribution committee eminently sensible.

In particular I note that the proposed changes for Mackellar include the following:

- Mackellar will stay within the Northern Beaches Council area.
- St Ives will stay in Bradfield.
- Mackellar will gain electors from North Curl Curl, Killarney Heights, and additional parts of Dee Why, Forestville and Frenchs Forest.
- Boost Mackellar's projected electors to April 2028 by 15,222.

I saw that there were many objections two days proposals. In particular, many of those objections we're supporting Objection 671 by Zali Steggall, The member for Warringah and Objection 686 by Kylea Tink the member for north Sydney.

These people are not residents of the electorate of Mackellar. Their objections same more to deal with their political interests rather than the interests of Mackellar.

Comment on suggested transfer of St Ives to Mackellar

These objections suggest that the locality of St Ives should be transferred to Mackellar. The Proposed Redistribution shows that the NSW Committee considered this option and decided against it. I support this decision because:

- There is no community of interest between St Ives and other areas in Mackellar,
- Transport links between St Ives and other areas in Mackellar are weak or non-existent, and
- Garigal and Ku-ring-gai National Parks are significant physical features which separate St Ives from Mackellar, Ku-ring-gai Council from Northern Beaches Council and the North Shore from the Northern Beaches.
- It recognises that consideration of state division boundaries is subordinate to consideration of communities of interest, transport and physical features.

Alternative Suggestion

Only transfer electors to Mackellar from Dee Why South, North Curl Curl, and Dee Why North from Warringah. This would increase Mackellar's projected electors by 8,236, keeping it within the acceptable range.

This approach minimizes disruption to current electors in Warringah, unites Dee Why in the one division, keeps community connections intact and eliminates voter confusion for electors in Dee Why.

Thank you to the Augmented Electoral Commission for considering this submission.



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