



Objection 44

Martin Family

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From: Richard Martin
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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Don't let a creek cut our community in half!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The suburbs of Flagstaff Hill, Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley are currently in the federal electorate of Boothby. That's where we want them to stay.

Our community identifies more with the Mitcham Hills and Adelaide Plains areas, which include suburbs like Blackwood and Marion, than it does with the far southern suburbs such as Noarlunga, Christies Beach, Hackham West and Morphett Vale in the federal elecorate of Kingston.

In our area we share much more community, retail and transport infrastructure with the rest of Boothby than we do with residents in the federal electorate of Kingston. We use Happy Valley Drive, Flagstaff Road, Marion Road and South Road to get to the city, or shopping precincts at Westfield Marion. We use Main Road through Blackwood to get to the city as well. We commute to train stations in Boothby that service the Seaford, Tonsley and Belair Lines.

Most residents in our area will use Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby at some point in their lives, and many work at these centres. These community of interest, travel, economic and social factors should be given much more weight by the Electoral Commission when deciding future boundaries than environmental features like the Sturt River.

With the Onkaparinga Council based so far away in Noarlunga, we want to retain access to our locally based Federal Member of Parliament in Boothby, rather than a Federal MP in Morphett Vale.

***** As we live at the extremities of the Onkaparinga Council district our suburb is forgotten. The only benefit we receive is a weekly rubbish collection oh and poor roads, footpaths and rate rises to pay for all the sycophantic trips, gifts and memberships etc. The only representation is our local members both state and federal. Our heart is here not in the southern suburbs! We would be better off in either Mitcham or Marion Councils We originally started in Meadows, then Happy Valley Council which were very good and then the rot set in with the last amalgamation into Onkaparinga Council We shop locally or in the Eastern Hills and Sturt suburbs, the dividing line to the south is the division of O,Halloran Hill and Reynella e.g the Field River. We have NO need to go to Noarlunga as the TAFE has been shut down (sorry relocated to Tonsley) and the Hospital down graded as well as the empty shops appearing on most main streets. We even barrack for diff erent football teams! *****

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will see our area moved out of Boothby, in many cases, for the first time in over 20 years. How about a mail out to all the concerned voters in our suburbs under threat and ask their opinion and the sound reasons for the status quo.

***** A relevant quotation from Petronius 65AD: We trained hard, but it seemed that every-time we were beginning to form up in teams we would be re-organised.

I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by re-organising ~ and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress whilst ~ creating confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.

Yours sincerely, Richard Martin on behalf of the Martin Family
