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From: Jane Summers
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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 electorate of Kingston. Blackwood is much closer for me to go to if I'm looking for an alternative Mitre 10 to my local one. We take our dog for walks through coromandel valley along the Sturt Creek. I don't shop at Noarlunga, I go to the movies at Marion not Noarlunga. I go to Bunning at Marion not Noarlunga if I need something I can't get at Mitre 10.

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. I use the Library at The Hub Shopping Centre, hardware stores at the Hub in Aberfoyle Park.

Most residents in our area will like myself use Flinders Medical Centre, both my children attend Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby 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.

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. An area which has no relationship to me. It's makes no sense to make such an enormous electorate, how do we then make our concerns heard. We are already not heard by our enormous council.

Yours sincerely, Jane Summers