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**From:** Shane and Judy Curran [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 May 2018 4:37 AM  
**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 our local village, the centres for where our essential services as post office, medical, allied health and dental services along with hairdressers, cafes and other social activities are delivered.

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 also routinely use Main Road through Blackwood to get to the city. We commute to train stations in Boothby that service the Belair Lines.

Like most residents in our area, we use Flinders Medical Centre located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby for routine specialist and emergency services and strongly identify those services as part of our community. We would not consider travelling south, into the proposed electorate, for any of those services. 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.

Yours sincerely, Shane and Judy Curran [Redacted]

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