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From: Joanne Tate [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 May 2018 10:29 AM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Don't let a creek cut our community in half!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I have lived as a resident in my current address for 22 years and definitely agree with all points raised below in regard to maintaining the current boundary of Boothby.

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 fact I personally rarely venture south for shopping or medical appointments as we are closer to Marion Shopping Centre and have a great choice of food shopping centres nearby in Happy Valley .There are also many specialty shops at Blackwood we visit regularly.

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.

Both myself and my family personally use the Flinders Medical Centre and have gained our Bachelor degrees from Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby , and many of my friends work at these centres. My son attended TAFE at Tonsley.These communities 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, Joanne Tate [Redacted]

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