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Dorothy Widdas

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From: Dorothy Widdas
Sent: Tuesday, 8 May 2018 1:43 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: We want to stay in Boothby!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission

The suburbs of Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are currently in the federal electorate of Boothby. That's where we want them to stay.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are part of the Mitcham Hills and have their strongest links with the Blackwood area. Residents here have much less in common with Mount Barker, the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, which form the heart of the electorate of Mayo.

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 Mayo.

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.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are densely populated suburbs in greater metropolitan Adelaide. We want to retain access to our locally based Federal Member of Parliament in Boothby, rather than a Federal MP in Mount Barker.

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will see our area moved out of Boothby for the first time in 84 years.

Yours sincerely, Dorothy Widdas

From: Dorothy Widdas
Sent: Tuesday, 8 May 2018 1:45 PM
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.

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, Dorothy Widdas