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**From:** Murray Fopp  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 May 2018 2:01 PM  
**To:** FedRedistribution - SA  
**Subject:** I have nothing in common with electors in Kingston.

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I note the proposal to move my suburb, Aberfoyle Park, from the Federal electorate of Boothby to Kingston. Not so long ago I was moved from Mayo to Boothby – a move I didn't support but which had some merit. However, the suburbs of Flagstaff Hill and Aberfoyle Park have very little in common with the “deep south” suburbs in the Kingston electorate. My suburb identifies with the Adelaide Hills, Mitcham Hills and Adelaide Plains areas – suburbs like Flagstaff Hill, Craighburn, Blackwood, Belair and Marion, than it does with the far southern suburbs such as Noarlunga, Christies Beach, Hackham West and Morphett Vale. I never travel to these suburbs, do not use the services there and have little in common with their residents. Demographically, the electorates are poles apart – one a mortgage belt of large residential subdivisions; the other with older established home owners in relatively compact residential precincts characterised by “hill living”. The two areas are serviced

by completely different public transport types and routes. They have separate arterial road systems.

Our regional shopping centre is Marion on the Adelaide Plain. Kingston has Collonades Shopping Centre in the deep southern suburbs. I went there once about 15 years ago but that was for work. We use Flinders Medical Centre. Kingston residents use Noarlunga Health Service.

I live, as the crow flies, 16.7km from the centre of Adelaide's CBD but 33km from the furthest point of Kingston.

While I accept that Kingston already comes close to the Southern Adelaide Hills suburbs of Aberfoyle Pk and Flagstaff Hill, residents in these suburbs on the east of the Happy Valley Reservoir (currently Boothby) have little in common with those on the western side (Kingston) but much more in common with the Adelaide Hills suburbs of Blackwood, Blackwood Hills and Coromandel Valley.

These community of interest, travel, economic and social factors should be given much more weight by the Electoral Commission when deciding future boundaries than convenient natural features like the Sturt River.

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will see our area moved out of Boothby. Although a 'hills'dweller, I was moved out of the Hills electorate of Mayo a few years ago but was satisfied that, in Boothby, I still felt like I belonged, But Kingston residents probably want me in their electorate as little as I want to be in their's.

Yours sincerely, Murray Fopp