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From: Helen Ronson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2018 10:23 AM
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.

Furthermore, I would like to add that people who live in Boothby travel and socialise within this seat. Those of us who live in the Mitcham Hills, which includes Hawthorndene and Craighburn Farm, shop at Westfield Marion, swim at Brighton beach and socialise in Glenelg – this is our community and it does not make sense to chop out a section and expect them to be represented by an MP who has a semi rural/Hills seat of Mayo. Please keep Hawthorndene and Craighburn Farm in Boothby.

As well, I work in the local MP office in Blackwood, as a Justice of the Peace I meet many people from Flagstaff Hill. People of Flagstaff Hill feel a part of our Mitcham Hills community here in Blackwood. They shop here, have lunch and use our sporting and community facilities. Please consider keeping Flagstaff Hill as part of Boothby. We are more than a Federal seat, we are part of a big community. We want to stay together in Boothby, our interests are similar and our MP will know what we need.

Yours sincerely, Helen Ronson

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