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From: Aaron Shearer
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2018 12:07 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 (where much of my extended family live) and where I work at 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 of which I rarely travel.

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.

I like most residents in our area will use Flinders Medical Centre and attend (like myself) Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby at some point in their lives, and work at Marion shopping centre. This 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 the federal division of Boothby.

Yours sincerely, Aaron Shearer,