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From: Susannah Lock
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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Don't let a creek cut our community in half!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

My suburb of Flagstaff Hill is currently in the federal electorate of Boothby, and has been for the nearly 20 years I have lived there.

My community (Craigburn Estate) has a much closer demographic profile to that of other Mitcham Hills and inner southern suburbs such as Blackwood, Belair and Urrbrae than it does with the far southern suburbs such as Noarlunga, Christies Beach, Hackham West and Morphett Vale in the federal electorate of Kingston.

I do all my grocery shopping in Blackwood and use other facilities in the area such as the local gym, take-away and visit the Belair National Park on a weekly basis. I also use the Belair train to commute to work. Many of my neighbours also prefer to shop in Blackwood or Mitcham rather than going south. I have no association with any of the community or businesses in the far southern suburbs.

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, Susannah Lock