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From: Ian and Geraldine Langcake
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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Kingston Electorate does not contain any facilities we use.

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.

We identify with the Mitcham Hills and Adelaide Plains areas, which include suburbs like Blackwood and Marion. In fact we do not access any facilities or services in Noarlunga, Christies Beach, Hackham West and Morphett Vale, all in the federal electorate 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. We only travel further south to access occasionally such places as Port Elliot, Victor Harbor and McLaren Vale for leisure purposes only.

We have no affinity with the electorate of Kingston. Flinders Medical Centre is our nearest hospital. All of our health, social and economic needs are provided in the electorate of Boothby. These factors should be given higher priority by the Electoral Commission when deciding future boundaries, rather than environmental features like the Sturt River. To make elections meaningful constituents must be able to relate to the electorate in which they have to vote – use the facilities, understand what the issues are for the region, be involved with its community. We have lived in Flagstaff Hill since 1978; raised and educated our family here; retired here.

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, Ian and Geraldine Langcake