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**From:** Russell Scutchings  
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**To:** FedRedistribution - SA  
**Subject:** Leave Flagstaff Hill in the Boothby Electorate

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

As a passionate mountain bike rider living in Flagstaff Hill, the trails of Sturt Gorge link me with my fellow Boothby suburbs of Blackwood, Bellevue Heights and Belair. 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 and 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.

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. Daily I commute to the city along Flagstaff Hill Road through the other Boothby Suburbs. I do not venture south into the southern beach suburbs, and have no affinity with them. They are foreign soil to me.

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, Russell Scutchings