



# Objection 257

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**From:** Kym Oxley  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 May 2018 11:47 AM  
**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 and Marion, than it does with the far southern suburbs such as Noarlunga, Christies Beach, Hackham West and Morphett Vale in the federal elecorate 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.

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.

We have lived in this area for 33 years and agree wholeheartedly with the idea of staying within Boothby. I cancelled the messenger local weekly newspaper a while back when they decided in their wisdom to stop sending us the one which covered our area and our most frequently traveled areas. They started sending us a paper which covered the more southern areas and it was a total waste of time and resources. All the articles and advertisements were for areas well south of us and were a total waste of time for us in our area.

I think this summarizes our thoughts on the boundaries. Boothby is where we spend 99% of our time living and day too day traveling.

Yours sincerely, Kym Oxley

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