



Objection 264

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From: Dr.Dorothy Turner
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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.

WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION WITH THOSE SUBURBS TO THE SOUTH. YOU MAY AS WELL LUMP US IN WITH ELIZABETH!!!

I NEVER travel to any of these suburbs except to have my car serviced or on the way to Victor Harbor.

I consider Blackwood my local shopping centre and do my weekly shopping there. I go to the hairdresser, hardwood store, cafes etc on a regular basis in either Blackwood, Corromandel Valley or Belair.

For other shopping I and ALL my friends and neighbours use MARION SHOPPING CENTRE. We also go to the cinema, cafes and pubs here.

Over the past 20 years all my children's out of school activities and clubs have been based in Blackwood or Belair with only a few in Flagstaff Hill itself.

We use the Blackwood or Tonsley train lines on a regular basis to travel to the city for work or uni.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE OUR ELECTORAL BOUNDARY!

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.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Dorothy Turner
