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From: Matthew Pritchard [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 10 May 2018 7:36 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Don't let a creek cut our community in half!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

As a current and life long resident of the Flagstaff Hill, Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley area I object to moving out of the federal electorate of Boothby.

Whilst my family and I (who have lived in the Aberfoyle Park/Flagstaff Hill area our entire life) regularly travel, shop socialise and interact with other local communities in the area such as Blackwood, Marion, Mitcham Hills and Adelaide Plains, the same cannot be said for the far southern suburbs which is in the opposite direction and we rarely travel to (remembering we have no direct access to the Southern Express Way in either direction).

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.

My family and I use Flinders Medical Centre and I am a graduate of Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby. 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, Matthew Pritchard [Redacted]

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