



# Objection 285

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# OBJECTIONS TO 2018 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REDISTRIBUTION (DR MARK MULCAIR)

## GENERAL COMMENTS

With only 10 Divisions and general agreement between all sides, this redistribution is relatively uncontroversial. There was almost universal support for expanding Grey and Barker closer to the metropolitan area, and contracting Wakefield right up into the northern suburbs. There was also general broad support for amalgamating the Divisions of Hindmarsh and Port Adelaide.

A few of the changes, such as placing parts of the southern beachside suburbs in Mayo, were a bit of a surprise, but I support the overall approach of the Committee.

I have one fairly major and one minor Objection to make, plus a couple of further comments. If possible, I still think it makes more sense for Adelaide and Hindmarsh to be constructed as east-west aligned Divisions instead of north-south ones, to prevent Hindmarsh from being so elongated. I have also proposed a slight rotation of Adelaide, Boothby and Sturt to return the Goodwood/Millswood area to Adelaide.

## **OBJECTION 1: ADELAIDE/HINDMARSH**

I still think that these two Divisions would work much better as east-west aligned seats, similar to my original Suggestions.

I support the general idea of merging the northern part of Hindmarsh with the bulk of Port Adelaide, but the Committee's proposed 'Hindmarsh' would stretch in a narrow north-south band all the way from Outer Harbour to Adelaide Airport. At the same time, the Division of Adelaide is proposed to extend north-west into areas around Woodville and Croydon, which are probably a better fit with Port Adelaide.

I suggest that all of the proposed Hindmarsh that lies south of Grange Road be transferred to the Division of Adelaide. This includes all of Henley Beach, West Beach, Fulham, Lockleys, the Plympton area, and all of the Airport precinct. This removes the long southern 'tail' on Hindmarsh, and unites this area with the other western suburbs that are currently in Adelaide.

In exchange, I suggest the proposed Adelaide shed everything north-west of Regency Road/Muller Road, the Gawler railway, Torrens Road, and South Road. This includes all of the Enfield area, Croydon and the balance of 'The Parks', plus Northgate and Northfield. The bulk of this area is part of Port Adelaide-Enfield council, most of which is already in Hindmarsh, and relates well to the greater Port Adelaide region.

If the Committee wanted to round out the northern boundary of Hindmarsh slightly, then Wingfield, Gepps Cross, plus the remaining part of Northfield that lies north of Grand Junction Road be transferred from Makin. This is a mostly industrial/commercial area, so only ~1000 electors would be transferred.

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| <b>ADELAIDE</b>                          | <b>119793</b> | <b>124114</b> |
| The Parks                                | 11201         | 11250         |
| Hindmarsh (north of Torrens Rd/South Rd) | 6870          | 6884          |
| Woodville                                | 1220          | 1254          |
| Enfield and Blair Athol                  | 12712         | 13250         |
| Northgate                                | 5820          | 7296          |
| Prospect (North of Regency Road)         | 1418          | 1438          |
| Greenacres                               | 1738          | 1902          |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT</b>               | <b>40979</b>  | <b>43274</b>  |
|  |               |               |
| West Beach                               | 3754          | 3923          |
| Henley Beach                             | 11387         | 11774         |
| Fulham                                   | 2059          | 2073          |
| Lockleys                                 | 8313          | 8428          |
| Plympton                                 | 9549          | 9718          |
| Flinders Park in currently in Hindmarsh  | 5618          | 5708          |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS IN</b>                | <b>40680</b>  | <b>41624</b>  |
|  | <b>119494</b> | <b>122464</b> |

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| <b>HINDMARSH</b>           | <b>120587</b> | <b>122634</b> |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS IN</b>  | 40979         | 43274         |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT</b> | 40680         | 41624         |
|                            | <b>120886</b> | <b>124284</b> |

## **OBJECTION 2: ADELAIDE/BOOTHBY/STURT**

I don't agree with the proposed 'bump' in the Adelaide/Boothby boundary around Millswood. Given the way the other boundaries are drawn, it seems that Boothby needs to push north of Cross Road somewhere, but I think a better arrangement can be found.

I suggest that Boothby return Millswood to Adelaide, and instead take in Fullarton and Myrtle Bank from the Division of Sturt. Accepting that the strong boundary of Cross Road must be breached somewhere, I think it is better to do it here. Fullarton Road is a major road that also serves as a municipal boundary, and it seems to me to be a better boundary than the railway and tramway (which run through the middle of suburbs).

To bring Sturt and Adelaide back within tolerance, I suggest an adjustment to their boundary in the north. I recommend transferring the suburbs of Vale Park, Manningham, and Hampstead Gardens from Adelaide to Sturt. These areas all fit well in Sturt, and this transfer would tidy up the north-eastern boundary of Adelaide, after the transfers to Hindmarsh.

The numbers all balance very well, leaving all Divisions well within tolerance.

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| <b>BOOTHBY</b>          | <b>122901</b> | <b>125502</b> |
| + Fullarton/Myrtle Bank | 3782          | 3816          |
| - Goodwood/Milswood     | 4742          | 4709          |
|                         | <b>121941</b> | <b>124609</b> |
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| <b>ADELAIDE*</b>        | <b>119494</b> | <b>122464</b> |
| + Goodwood/Milswood     | 4742          | 4709          |
| - Vale Park/Hampstead   | 2950          | 3042          |
|                         | <b>121286</b> | <b>124131</b> |
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| <b>STURT</b>            | <b>123255</b> | <b>125191</b> |
| + Vale Park/Hampstead   | 2950          | 3042          |
| - Fullarton/Myrtle Bank | 3782          | 3816          |
|                         | <b>122423</b> | <b>124417</b> |

\* After exchange with Hindmarsh in Objection 1

## OTHER COMMENTS

- If the Committee did not support my re-arrangement of Adelaide and Hindmarsh in Objection 1, then they could at least make a slight rotation of Adelaide, Boothby and Hindmarsh in a clockwise direction. This would result in greater use of South Road as the boundary in 'The Parks' area, Goodwood and Millswood returning to Adelaide, and the Novar Gardens/Camden Park area being placed in Boothby.

I haven't crunched all the numbers, but this would at least be a more 'minimalist' approach to allow Millswood to return to Adelaide, and removing some of Hindmarsh's territory south of the Airport.

Note that this change would mean that my changes in Objection 2 would not be necessary.

- At the state redistribution, the Committee proposed joining the semi-rural areas around One Tree Hill with the Golden Grove area in the new seat of King. If the Committee wanted to repeat this at federal level, this area (only ~2000 electors) could easily be united in Makin without any flow on effects elsewhere.
- Although I proposed that Parafield Gardens be placed in Makin in my original Suggestions, in hindsight it would probably would have made more sense to simply expand further into the Salisbury area, instead of dragging Makin so far west. Unfortunately, I can't seem to find a way to make the numbers work.
- I am not a big fan of placing the southern beachside suburbs in Mayo (although this too has been done at state level). Ideally, this whole area would be retained in Kingston, although I can't see an easy way for Mayo to make up the electors without splitting Aberfoyle Park and/or the Happy Valley area.