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From: Dale Otten [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 10 May 2018 9:24 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: We want to stay in Boothby!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The suburb of Hawthorndene is currently in the federal electorate of Boothby, right next to its local commercial and community centre of Blackwood. That's where I want them to stay.

Hawthorndene's interests and needs are closely aligned with both Blackwood and more broadly, the Mitcham Hills. This due to proximity to civic services, employment, and the natural geography of the area which cleanly seperates Hawthorndene (a dense single family dwelling suburb beginning to see an infill movement) from adjacent sparse rural areas like Upper Sturt, Crafers, and Cherry Gardens.

Our critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals, emergency services, roads, mass transit, utilities...) are all tied to the existing electorate of Boothsby. Our cultural ideals are aligned closer to urban than rural.

Frankly, the idea that we have any reasonable political association with Mt Barker and its rural surrounds baffels me. (I would describe Craighburn Farm, and pribably Coromandel Valley in a similar way.)

For these reasons I am deeply concerned that our Adelaide suburb voices and needs will become lost amongst the voices seeking to address the very different needs of the regional Fleurieu people.

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will see our area moved out of Boothby, all for reasons that escape me.

Please take some time to simply come look and see the vast difference there is between Hawthorndene, and 1km into the hills from us. The boundaries are much more apporopriate when Hawthorndene is politically grouped with Blackwood than with farmland, hobby farms, and scrub.

You are welcome to contact me for this purpose. [Redacted]

Yours sincerely, Dale Otten [Redacted]

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