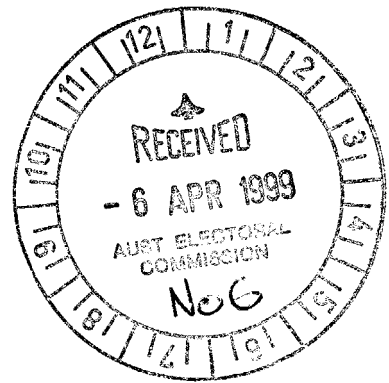


Comments on Public Suggestions  
to the Australian Electoral Commission's  
Federal Redistribution Committee for South Australia

6 April 1999



ALP (SA Branch)



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## **1.0 Introduction**

In order to assist the Federal Boundaries Redistribution Committee, the ALP submits the following commentary on the public submissions.

The ALP believes that the equality of elector numbers is the dominating criteria to be satisfied in this redistribution process. While a degree of latitude is allowed for in the Act, it should not be applied for any reason other than that specifically provided for in the legislation.

## **2.0 Summary**

The ALP's submission identified three key demographic/community of interest arguments which needed to be addressed in this redistribution process:

### **2.1 Gawler into Bonython**

The ALP proposed to incorporate the township of Gawler into the federal Division of Bonython.

### **2.2 Sturt incorporates Highbury, Newton, Paradise, Dernancourt**

The metropolitan suburbs of Dernancourt, Highbury, Paradise, Newton, Rostrevor (part) and Athelstone (part) were proposed to be incorporated into the Division of Sturt.

### **2.3 Kingston sheds rural areas**

The ALP proposed that the areas best described as rural be excised from Kingston, ie the primary production areas of the Willunga Basin.

The ALP notes and welcomes the general agreement in the public submissions to points 2.2 and 2.3. The ALP suggests that this agreement is due to the force of the logic of the proposals.

The ALP contends that point 2.1 is equally as logical, and is backed by a great deal of submitted evidence. It is reinforced by the recognition of the same argument by the recent State Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission's decision in making Light (a state district based around Gawler) a clear metropolitan district.

## **3.0 Comments on Submissions**

### **3.1 Submission 1 The Hon Trish Worth MP**

The submission provided by the Hon Trish Worth MP is a self serving attempt to bolster her vote.

Ms Worth makes a number of suggestions which, in effect, request the Committee to include suburbs into the Division of Adelaide which have a record of voting a Liberal majority.

She offers little information and no supporting evidence to back her arguments. For example : *"Since the last federal redistribution, two state seats have been incorporated entirely in federal Adelaide - Unley and Adelaide. This contributes to a strong feeling of community of interest."* (p2).

One could ask *How?*

Ms Worth suggests that the Division of Adelaide is an inner city electorate and should incorporate small parts of all the suburbs abutting the parklands. The ALP suggests that this in fact breaks up discrete communities whose interests predominantly lie with adjacent suburbs rather than with suburbs on the other side of the CBD.

For example, the suburbs east of South Road ie Mile End, Mile End South and Thebarton, which are currently within Federal Adelaide, have much more in common with the adjacent suburbs of Torrensville and Mile End, than they do with Unley, Parkside, Kent Town or Walkerville (refer to attachment A-D).

A similar demographic analysis can be conducted on all areas mentioned in the Worth submission to show that these suburbs are clearly different, one from the other.

The ALP in its submission refers to the problems associated with constructing divisions based on CBDs (Central Business Districts), and offers a better solution. Rather than construct a division based on the CBD and its immediate surrounds on all sides, which inevitably result in bits of inner suburb communities being divided up, the ALP proposes a division incorporating the CBD but with a major focus in the inner northern suburbs.

While this may result in a division with two disparate communities, ie the CBD and North Adelaide and the inner northern suburbs, the ALP believes this is a better outcome than a seat with half a dozen smaller suburbs with no real shared interest other than proximity to the CBD.

The ALP suggests that this submission by the Hon Trish Worth is not of great assistance in the formulation of boundaries based on a community of interest.

### 3.2 Submission 2 Chris Pyne MP

The submission by Chris Pyne MP differs in large part from the ALP's suggested boundaries for Sturt and Adelaide.

The proposal to shed part of the suburb of Holden Hill, currently in Sturt, to the Division of Mayo cannot be sustained on any argument based on s66(3)(b), (refer to argument in 3.6h Mayo).

Mr Pyne's submission does share one important point with the ALP's submission, that of including some of the metropolitan suburbs currently within the Division of Mayo into Sturt.

The ALP contends that Mr Pyne's submission does not go far enough. Why include only some of these suburbs from Mayo? Why not all? The community of interest argument surely extends to all these suburbs?

The ALP's submission proposes that the metropolitan suburbs of Dernancourt, Highbury, Paradise, Newton, Rostrevor (part) and Athelstone (part) be incorporated into Sturt.

Further, by incorporating these extra voters into Sturt, the Committee can avail itself of the ALP's proposed solution to the community of interest problem in the Division of Adelaide.

### 3.3 Submission 3 District Council of Loxton Waikerie

The ALP has no concerns with the Council's submission, provided that there is no negative impact on the quota provisions.

### 3.4 Submission 4 The Messinian Association of SA Inc

The ALP notes that this submission requests the Committee to take into consideration a community of interest based around the western suburbs.

The ALP suggests that the Committee can give effect to this request by adopting the ALP's proposed boundaries for Adelaide and Hindmarsh.

### 3.5 Submission 6 Sophie Pantelios

The ALP commends Ms Pantelios for her detailed and thoughtful submission.

In common with most of the submissions, Ms Pantelios acknowledges and expands on the case for the inclusion of the metropolitan suburbs, currently in Mayo, into the Division of Sturt.

Ms Pantelios' argument is in this case, however, quite inconsistent with her proposal to take other metropolitan suburbs out of Sturt and into Mayo (Kensington, Beulah Park, Rosslyn Park, Wattle Park, Leabrook, Erindale, Burnside, Hazelwood Park, Tusmore, Marryatville, Heathpool, Linden Park, St Georges, Beaumont etc).

Why take metropolitan suburbs out of the Division of Mayo, a largely Hills/rural division and place them into Sturt, only to take other metropolitan suburbs out of Sturt to be incorporated into Mayo?

The ALP suggests that this somewhat defeats the original purpose of this proposal; reuniting suburbs which share a community of interest.

If Ms Pantelios is attempting to create a Division of Sturt (which she suggests be renamed Dunstan) with an east-west geographical orientation, surely a better suggestion is to do it with Adelaide and Sturt, rather than Sturt and Mayo?

The Division of Adelaide would thus be constructed of the CBD and North Adelaide, areas south including Unley and Parkside, and suburbs in the east perhaps following

Payneham Road or Montacute Road (see attachment L). Electors in such a division would share a number of socio-economic indicators.

The northern Division of Sturt/Dunstan could comprise areas north of North Adelaide to Grand Junction Road, and the north-eastern suburbs (see attachment M). Such a division would contain electors with a very similar socio-economic profile.

The ALP opposes this proposal, but suggests that this would be a more logical approach, in line with Ms Pantelios' original arguments, and sits better with s66(3)(b).

### 3.6 Submission 7 The Liberal Party of Australia, SA Division

The ALP notes that the Liberal Party's proposed boundaries for the Divisions of Kingston and Sturt incorporates 2 of the 3 major arguments advanced in the Labor Party's submission.

However, we find the Liberal Party's submission not at all helpful in that it omits any discussion or argument on why it chose the boundaries presented.

To baldly present a set of maps and descriptions of proposed boundaries may be all that is required of a public submission to the Committee, but we argue it doesn't assist the Committee in its deliberations to not have the Liberal arguments tested.

Consequently, the Labor Party believes that the proposals advanced in the Liberal Party's submission should be discounted.

Without an argument based on the criteria in the Act, supporting the boundaries proposed for, say, the Division of Adelaide, one would be forgiven for dismissing the Liberal's proposal for Adelaide as merely an exercise in removing Labor voting areas and replacing them with Liberal voting areas, making the seat safer for the Liberal Party.

The same criticism applies to the Liberal's proposal for the Divisions of Hindmarsh and Makin.

#### 3.6a Adelaide

The proposal for the Division of Adelaide is basically an exercise in moving Labor electors out in the north and moving Liberal electors into the division in the east. The Liberal proposal doesn't take into account the community of interest arguments relating to Mile End/Mile End South/Thebarton and seeks to divide the eastern suburbs community by incorporating Kent Town/Rose Park/Dulwich. The Liberal Party calculates that their proposal will increase the Liberal vote, based on the last election result, to 52.43% (2PP).

The Liberal submission would make better sense if it incorporated into Adelaide larger sections of the eastern suburbs, thus maintaining a significant community of interest, rather than slicing off a few small suburbs from adjacent inner suburban communities.

The ALP's proposal achieves this objective by focussing on the inner north and north-eastern suburbs, but we concede that Adelaide could also be constructed using the eastern suburbs just as easily (see section 3.5).

#### 3.6b Bonython

The Liberal Party's submission on Bonython is seriously flawed. Not only is the great body of evidence available on the subject of Gawler having a greater affinity with the metropolitan area ignored, their submission also proposes to divide a community of suburbs based around Para Hills (see attachments E and F, and a letter from Senator John Quirke, attachment G).

The Liberal Party is well aware of the Gawler argument, having confronted it at the most recent State Electoral Redistribution where the seat of Light was redistributed to make it a district with a predominantly metropolitan character.

The Liberal Party's submission totally ignores a solution that sits easily with s66(3)(b), that is the incorporation of the township of Gawler into the Division of Bonython. Instead it canvasses a proposal that destroys a community of interest simply to enable it to boost the Liberal vote in Makin.

#### 3.6c Boothby

The Liberal submission explains its suggested boundaries of Boothby as being necessitated by its proposal for Hindmarsh. The ALP argues below that the Liberal's proposed Hindmarsh is flawed, and that no southerly movement of the boundary is necessary.

#### 3.6d Grey

The Liberal's proposal for Grey adopts the standard procedure of lowering the southern boundary into Wakefield. The ALP draws attention to the continuing difficulties associated with this methodology in its original submission to the Committee.

The ALP is strongly opposed to the Liberal's suggestion that "It is reasonable to set this Division of Grey under quota because of the difficulty of servicing its vast area." Labor maintains that the equality of electors criteria must not be manipulated in this way and the Act does not countenance any such use of the quota.

The ALP proposal for Grey, and indeed the Australian Democrats suggestion, make this artifice unnecessary and offers a long term solution to ongoing population problems.

#### 3.6e Hindmarsh

The Liberal proposal states that it is "natural" to move the Hindmarsh border south to include the suburbs of Somerton Park (part) and Warradale. The ALP notes that this "natural" movement just happens to increase the Liberal vote in Hindmarsh to 51.5% (2PP) on the Liberal Party's calculation. The ALP contends that the suggestion of Mr Virgili on Hindmarsh is equally "natural". He proposes to include in the Division of Hindmarsh Allenby Gardens (part), Welland and Beverly (part). This proposal would reduce the Liberal vote in Hindmarsh.

The ALP has conceded that there are many ways in which the Committee might draw boundaries. The Committee's job is do so as objectively as possible and to meet the criteria of the Act in doing so. The Committee must also be concerned about an outcome that might bring the redistribution process into disrepute.

The ALP suggests that the boundary changes necessary in Hindmarsh, other than those based on a community of interest argument (ie Mile End), are largely contingent on the Committee's changes elsewhere, and will logically flow from those changes.

### 3.6f Kingston

The Liberal Party's submission on the Division of Kingston largely mirrors that of the Labor Party. However, the ALP does not support the suggested alteration to the northern boundary of Kingston, noting that current boundary is a natural divide reflecting the physical features of the area and local topography.

### 3.6g Makin

The Liberal's proposed boundaries for the Division of Makin increase the Liberal vote to 51.74% (2PP). The ALP believes it is simplistic indeed to argue that the "foothills character" of the Division of Makin is the major factor relevant to s66(3)(b). There are many other factors relating to the division that the Committee will have to consider, some of which are presented in the other public submissions.

The Liberal submission on Makin is to split a group of suburbs which form a community around Para Hills (see attachment G), and move Para Hills West and Pooraka from Makin to Bonython.

The ALP's submission, in contrast, is to unite similar suburbs in Makin by moving Salisbury Plain, Salisbury South, Salisbury Park and Brahma Lodge into Makin from Bonython, uniting them with the adjacent suburbs of Salisbury East and Salisbury Heights.

### 3.6h Mayo

The Liberal's proposal to incorporate parts of the suburb of Holden Hill into the Division of Mayo cannot be sustained on any argument based on s66(3)(b). Most of Holden Hill is currently in the Division of Sturt. It shares a community of interest with adjacent suburbs (notably Gilles Plains, see attachments H and I), also currently in Sturt. It is inconsistent to argue, as the Liberal Party does in its submission, that the metropolitan suburbs currently in Mayo be shed to Sturt and at the same time propose that the north-eastern suburb of Holden Hill be incorporated into Mayo.

### 3.6i Port Adelaide

The Liberal submission suggests ignoring the physical barrier of Port Wakefield Road and taking the Port Adelaide boundary eastward to include the suburb of Parafield Gardens.

Regardless of the merits or otherwise of such a proposal in terms of community of interest, why stop there? If the Liberal Party is ready to ignore the barrier presented by Port Wakefield Road, why not take the Division of Port Adelaide further east into the

Salisbury area (where the Division of Port Adelaide once extended) and keep a community of suburbs together in the same division?

The ALP does not support the Liberal's suggestion to take just Parafield Gardens into the Division of Port Adelaide, but would consider a proposal to take the divisional boundaries further into Salisbury, as long as a significant section of that area was included, such as that bounded by the Adelaide-Peterborough and the Port Pirie-Salisbury railway lines, thus maintaining, rather than splitting, a community.

The ALP raised this possibility in its original submission to the Committee, but discounted it on community of interest grounds. It is, of course, still open to the Committee to examine this option.

### 3.6j Sturt

The ALP welcomes the Liberal's suggestion to incorporate into Sturt the metropolitan suburbs currently in the Division of Mayo. This sits well with s66(3)(b).

However, the ALP does not support the premise that Sturt must be adjusted to suit their proposals for the eastern movement of Adelaide. Labor has argued strongly that such boundary alterations do not meet the criteria of s66(3)(b), rather they cause a splintering of the communities of interest between inner city suburbs. The eastwards move into Kent Town carves this suburb away from adjacent suburbs with which it shares a genuine community of interest, in terms of socio-economic indicators, shopping habits, recreation facilities etc.

### 3.6k Wakefield

The ALP's objections to the Liberal's submission on Wakefield have been summarised in 3.64 Grey.

## 3.7 Submission 8 Australian Democrats

The ALP notes the suggestion in the submission of the Australian Democrats that the western boundary of the Division of Adelaide be adjusted eastwards. This suggestion is echoed in the submissions of the Messinian Association and the Greek Community Tribune. The ALP agrees that this has significant merit in terms of s66(3)(b).

The ALP's proposed boundaries for Hindmarsh and Adelaide offer a solution to the Committee that satisfies this concern.

The ALP also notes the Australian Democrat's proposal to incorporate the Yorke Peninsula into the Division of Grey.

The ALP's proposed boundaries for Grey support this proposal.

The ALP does not support the Australian Democrat's suggestion that "Wakefield should move south into the Northern Adelaide Hills and parts of Bonython and possibly Makin."



The ALP believes that this ignores the body of evidence presented to the Committee relating to s66(3)(b) and the clear metropolitan nature of Gawler.

The ALP contends that the "lines dividing the communities of interest in that area" are not "becoming increasingly blurred" as the Democrats say, but more and more defined.

### 3.8 Submission 9 Greek Community Tribune

The submission of the Greek Community Tribune draws the Committee's attention to a community of interest argument relating to the Greek community in the western suburbs of Adelaide.

The ALP has accepted as desirable an outcome which unites the suburbs of western Adelaide in the one federal division, and has constructed the boundaries of the Divisions of Adelaide and Hindmarsh accordingly.

### 3.9 Submission 10 Mario Virgilli

The ALP notes that all submissions to the Committee come from interested organisations or persons in our community who wish to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

The ALP agrees with Mr Virgili that all submissions should be considered on their merit.

However, we are not convinced of his contention that Local Government boundaries and recent debate about amalgamation is "less contrived than expressions of concern or support provided or organised by political parties during a redistribution process."

The ALP views such matters as pertaining to another form of government, one which perhaps suffers just as much from political manoeuvre and manipulation as any other.

Indeed, the ALP provided evidence to the Committee relating to the debate on amalgamation of the District Council of Light, which we contend bears all the hallmarks of a political document (this by no means detracts from the validity of the argument).

Mr Virgili points out the inconsistency in socio-economic parameters between the northern and southern ends of the Divisions of Adelaide and Sturt. He also affirms that local government boundaries provide an indication of community of interest.

However, in the case of the Division of Adelaide, his submission ignores these two arguments and suggests that small sections of nine Councils be attached to the CBD to form one division. His proposed boundaries actually exacerbate the disparity between the various sections of the inner city suburbs he attaches to Adelaide.

Mr Virgili states "The proposed boundary very neatly captures the inner city suburbs and councils immediately surrounding the city of Adelaide who steadfastly rejected amalgamation overtures from neighbouring suburban councils through the local government reform process." (p7).

On his own evidence, this is not completely accurate. Some of the nine councils he lists surrounding the City of Adelaide are themselves a result of the amalgamation process; West Torrens, Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide Enfield and Norwood Payneham and St Peters.

Mr Virgili also makes a very similar suggestion to that of Ms Pantelios on the nature of the Division of Sturt. He suggests, as does Ms Pantelios, that the new division he proposes be called Dunstan.

Unfortunately, Mr Virgili's proposal suffers from the same inconsistency as does Ms Pantelios'. Mr Virgili suggests that the metropolitan suburbs, currently in the Division of Mayo be incorporated into Sturt, but that other metropolitan suburbs currently in Sturt be sent to Mayo.

Such a round about rotation of suburbs defeats the purpose of attempting to unite communities of interest.

In relation to Mr Virgili's boundaries for the Division of Makin, the ALP notes that he proposes to excise one section of the Hills face zone (Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully and Vista), but not the other similar area immediately to the north (Fairview Park and Yatala Vale- see attachments J and K).

The ALP sees merit in including true Hills face areas in Mayo, but argues that all of that area currently in Makin should go into Mayo, not just part. A consistent approach allows a federal Division of Mayo to be constructed such that it incorporates almost the entire Hills face zone.

Mr Virgili's use of Hancock Road as an eastern border for Makin has merit, and is reflected in the ALP's proposal for Makin.

Mr Virgili's guesses at likely political outcomes on his proposed boundaries are not viewed as being accurate by the ALP. Our calculations show that his proposed Makin and Hindmarsh remain marginal Liberal seats, not 50/50 or marginal Labor as he contends.

#### **4.0 Conclusion**

The ALP understands the difficulties the Committee faces in determining draft boundaries for federal divisions in South Australia, and in juggling the different public suggestions for each division and the requirements of the Act.

We hope that our submission and our arguments, and the other public submissions are of assistance to the Committee in highlighting some of the key issues in each division.

It is, for this reason, regrettable that the submission of the Liberal Party did not declare the chain of logic behind its proposed boundaries.

The ALP believes that the equality of elector numbers, s66(3)(a), is the dominating criteria to be satisfied in this redistribution process. While a degree of latitude is allowed for in the Act, it should not be applied for any reason other than that specifically provided for in the legislation (ie not because of the difficulty in servicing a large electorate as the Liberals propose for the Division of Grey).

It is the ALP's view that once elector quotas are satisfied, then the secondary criteria of s66(3)(b) must be satisfied. The ALP believes that the allowable quota variation may be used to, for example, maintain a community of suburbs in the same electorate, which would satisfy the community of interest criteria.

Finally, the ALP understands that a community of interest argument can very much be in the "eyes of the beholder", that is, often quite subjective. It is possible to advance two different community of interest arguments for the same area with different outcomes in mind.

It is the Committee's task to weigh these competing arguments as objectively as possible. However, the ALP maintains that a consistency in approach is called for and the Committee should be wary of submissions that advance an argument for one division and ignores the same argument in another.

Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Mile End	%	North Adelaide	%	Kent Town	%	Parkside	%	Walkerville	%
Total persons (a)	3775	100	7255	100	929	100	4464	100	2225	100
Aged 15 years and over (a)	3263	86.44	6572	90.59	859	92.47	3944	88.35	1942	87.28
Aboriginal	53	1.40	49	0.68	6	0.65	29	0.65	0	0.00
Torres Strait Islander	0	0.00	4	0.06	0	0.00	6	0.13	0	0.00
Both Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander(b)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Australian born	2462	65.22	5079	70.01	650	69.97	3235	72.47	1689	75.91
Born overseas: Canada, Ireland, NZ, Sth Africa, UK	236	6.25	761	10.49	94	10.12	370	8.29	280	12.58
Born overseas: Other country(d)	936	24.79	932	12.85	129	13.89	669	14.99	180	8.09
Born overseas: Total	1172	31.05	1693	23.34	223	24.00	1039	23.28	460	20.67
Speaks English only and aged 5 years and over	2180	57.75	5594	77.11	733	78.90	3280	73.48	1929	86.70
Speaks lang. other than English(e) & aged 5 years	1255	33.25	888	12.24	114	12.27	787	17.63	147	6.61
Australian citizen	3325	88.08	6037	83.21	776	83.53	4000	89.61	2028	91.15
Australian citizen aged 18 years and over	2791	73.93	5275	72.71	660	71.04	3415	76.50	1700	76.40
Unemployed(f)	286	7.58	330	4.55	88	9.47	219	4.91	42	1.89
Employed(f)	1567	41.51	3352	46.20	374	40.26	2422	54.26	921	41.39
In the labour force(f)	1853	49.09	3682	50.75	462	49.73	2641	59.16	963	43.28
Unemployment rate(f)	15.4344	15.43	8.96252	8.96	19.0476	19.04	8.29231	8.29	4.36137	4.36

Source: ABS CDATA96 B01

Household Weekly Income (ABS CDATA96 B23)

Number of Households

	\$1 - 119	\$120 - 299	\$300 - 499	\$500 - 699	\$700 - 999	\$1000 - 1499	\$1500 - 1999	\$2000 & over
Suburb	13	445	288	222	240	224	60	33
Mile End	10	173	83	52	36	42	7	15
Kent Town	23	403	293	238	302	314	128	126
Parkside	12	201	108	100	118	117	51	154
Walkerville	44	456	371	312	431	375	146	354
North Adelaide								

Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Mile End	%	Kent Town	%	Parkside	%	Torrensville	%
Total persons (a)	3775	100	929	100	4464	100	3822	100
Aged 15 years and over (a)	3263	86.44	859	92.47	3944	88.35	3265	85.43
Aboriginal	53	1.40	6	0.65	29	0.65	46	1.20
Torres Strait Islander	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.13	3	0.08
Both Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander(b)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Australian born	2462	65.22	650	69.97	3235	72.47	2414	63.16
Born overseas: Canada, Ireland, NZ, Sth Africa, UK	236	6.25	94	10.12	370	8.29	166	4.34
Born overseas: Other country(d)	936	24.79	129	13.89	669	14.99	1103	28.86
Born overseas: Total	1172	31.05	223	24.00	1039	23.28	1269	33.20
Speaks English only and aged 5 years and over	2180	57.75	733	78.90	3280	73.48	1953	51.10
Speaks lang. other than English(e) & aged 5 years	1255	33.25	114	12.27	787	17.63	1537	40.21
Australian citizen	3325	88.08	776	83.53	4000	89.61	3388	88.64
Australian citizen aged 18 years and over	2791	73.93	660	71.04	3415	76.50	2811	73.55
Unemployed(f)	286	7.58	88	9.47	219	4.91	243	6.36
Employed(f)	1567	41.51	374	40.26	2422	54.26	1448	37.89
In the labour force(f)	1853	49.09	462	49.73	2641	59.16	1691	44.24
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Kent Town	23	403	293	238	302	314	128	126
Parkside	23	420	303	202	226	174	60	22
Torrensville								

Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Para Hills	%	Ingle Farm	%	Para Hills West	%	Pooraka	%
Total persons (a)	8602	100	9104	100	3082	100	6989	100
Aged 15 years and over (a)	6790	78.94	7382	81.09	2403	77.97	5477	78.37
Aboriginal	63	0.73	155	1.70	47	1.52	101	1.45
Torres Strait Islander	4	0.05	6	0.07	0	0.00	8	0.11
Both Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander(b)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Australian born	5353	62.23	6374	70.01	1988	64.50	4853	69.44
Born overseas: Canada, Ireland, NZ, Sth	1867	21.70	1199	13.17	646	20.96	655	9.37
Born overseas: Other country(d)	1156	13.44	1313	14.42	332	10.77	1276	18.26
Born overseas: Total	3023	35.14	2512	27.59	978	31.73	1931	27.63
Speaks English only and aged 5 years a	6588	76.59	7043	77.36	2423	78.62	4834	69.17
Speaks lang. other than English(e) & ag	1258	14.62	1301	14.29	334	10.84	1467	20.99
Australian citizen	7467	86.81	8200	90.07	2599	84.33	6344	90.77
Australian citizen aged 18 years and ove	5409	62.88	6186	67.95	1842	59.77	4707	67.35
Unemployed(f)	461	5.36	534	5.87	163	5.29	381	5.45
Employed(f)	3732	43.39	4158	45.67	1235	40.07	3042	43.53
In the labour force(f)	4193	48.74	4692	51.54	1398	45.36	3423	48.98
Unemployment rate(f)	10.99		11.38		11.65		11.13	

Source: ABS CDATA96 B01



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	\$1 - 119	\$120 - 299	\$300 - 499	\$500 - 699	\$700 - 999	000 - 1499	500 - 1999	0 and over
Suburb								
Para Hills	8	455	585	558	605	438	107	40
Ingle Farm	12	594	577	562	678	456	87	26
Para Hills West	7	279	236	198	186	131	34	4
Pooraka	16	507	496	425	502	389	78	24



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Dear Ian

The great weakness in the Liberal Party submission concerns the Federal Division of Makin.

In essence the submission argues for the removal of Para Hills West and its addition to Bonython.

Para Hills is one indivisible community built and settled during the middle sixties into the early seventies. The only High School that services the Para Hills area is situated in Para Hills West and allows 800 students from the whole Para Hills region to attend.

The South Australian Housing Trust has built a large proportion of Aged Care accommodation in the west. Residents of this complex in general bought homes in Para Hills, and, after the death of a partner, sought smaller less maintenance intensive accommodation.

Many of the above mentioned residents have extended family in the rest of Para Hills. On voting days whole families go to vote in a common area together.

Yours Sincerely,

John Quirke  
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Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Holden Hill	%	Gilles Plains	%
Total persons (a)	4775	100	3131	100
Aged 15 years and over (a)	3850	80.63	2467	78.79
Aboriginal	59	1.24	89	2.84
Torres Strait Islander	6	0.13	9	0.29
Both Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander(b)	6	0.13	0	0.00
Australian born	3319	69.51	2277	72.72
Born overseas: Canada, Ireland, NZ, Sth Africa,	526	11.02	345	11.02
Born overseas: Other country(d)	793	16.61	423	13.51
Born overseas: Total	1319	27.62	768	24.53
Speaks English only and aged 5 years and over	3435	71.94	2395	76.49
Speaks lang. other than English(e) & aged 5 ye	879	18.41	428	13.67
Australian citizen	4287	89.78	2802	89.49
Australian citizen aged 18 years and over	3247	68.00	2091	66.78
Unemployed(f)	266	5.57	210	6.71
Employed(f)	1827	38.26	1103	35.23
In the labour force(f)	2093	43.83	1313	41.94
Unemployment rate(f)	12.709	12.70	15.9939	15.99

Source: ABS CDATA96 B01

Household Weekly Income (ABS CDATA96 B23)

	Number of Households									
	\$1 - 119	\$120 - 299	\$300 - 499	\$500 - 699	\$700 - 999	\$1000 - 1499	\$1500 - 1999	\$2000 & over		
Suburb	20	478	440	311	264	196	52	8		
Holden Hill	15	348	250	174	171	110	35	14		
Gilles Plains										

Selected Demographic Characteristics

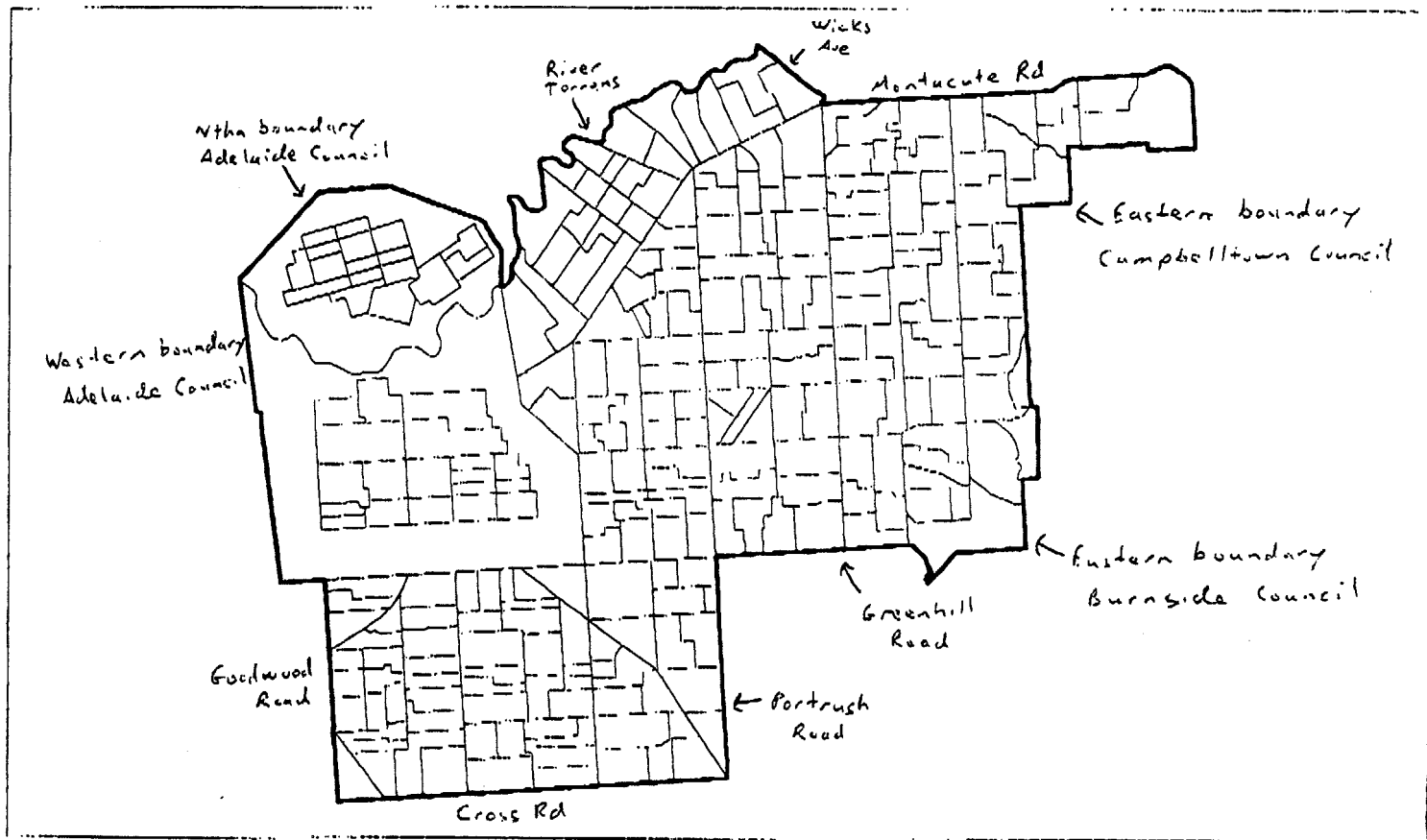
	Banksia Park	Tea Tree Gully	Vista	Fairview Park	Yatala Vale	%
Total persons (a)	3669	3131	992	3815	609	100
Aged 15 years and over (a)	3008	2570	828	3059	499	81.94
Aboriginal	14	26	0	6	0	0.00
Torres Strait Islander	0	0	0	3	0	0.00
Both Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander(b)	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Australian born	2692	2276	743	2763	447	73.40
Born overseas: Canada, Ireland, NZ, St	649	584	159	738	117	19.21
Born overseas: Other country(d)	239	206	76	221	39	6.40
Born overseas: Total	888	790	235	959	156	25.62
Speaks English only and aged 5 years	3268	2735	888	3411	525	86.21
Speaks lang. other than English(e) & a	164	173	61	133	51	8.37
Australian citizen	3292	2836	905	3398	560	91.95
Australian citizen aged 18 years and ov	2506	2160	696	2490	418	68.64
Unemployed(f)	139	139	31	137	23	3.78
Employed(f)	1987	1511	553	2021	338	55.50
In the labour force(f)	2126	1650	584	2158	361	59.28
Unemployment rate(f)	6.54	8.42	5.31	6.35	6.37	

Source: ABS CDATA96 B01

Household Weekly Income (ABS CDATA96 B23)

	Number of Households							
	\$1 - 119	\$120 - 299	\$300 - 499	\$500 - 699	\$700 - 999	\$1000 - 1499	\$1500 - 1999	\$2000 & over
<b>Suburb</b>								
Banksia Park	6	96	156	161	248	274	102	60
Tea Tree Gully	3	167	179	193	230	203	60	41
Vista	0	33	46	50	71	69	32	16
Fairview Park	3	106	186	186	271	263	118	62
Yatala Vale	3	22	28	20	40	42	9	21

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