SUGGESTION No 1

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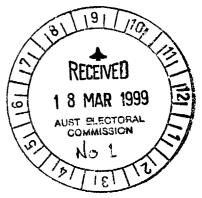
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Redistribution Committee for South Australia GPO Box 2834 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed my suggestions for the 1999 federal redistribution for South Australia.

I am, of course, happy to clarify any issues raised in this submission or to provide any additional information that may be necessary.

Yours sincerely

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In recent redistributions, Electoral Commissioners have identified the seat of Adelaide as an inner city electorate. To retain the strong community of interest it should be maintained as an inner city electorate.

Boundaries

There are a few main roads that provide natural and distinct boundaries around that area of inner city and close inner city living. They are:

South - Cross Road

West - South Road and the railway line

North - Grand Junction Road or Regency Road

East - Portrush Road.

Clearly there will be some deviation from those boundaries to achieve a suitable quota of electors in Adelaide and surrounding electorates.

In the south, west and north, these roads essentially make up the current Adelaide boundaries, with a minor deviation on South Road that must have been necessary at the time of the last redistribution to achieve the quota.

These main roads are major thoroughfares that divide the communities on each side of the road. They are used by large numbers of heavy vehicles.

I suggest that subject to numbers, where possible these boundaries should be used.

As Adelaide is currently under quota, it will be necessary to add voters to the Adelaide electorate. Extending the Adelaide boundary to the east to include the inner city suburbs to the east of the parklands would add to the strong community of interest that already exists in the Adelaide electorate.

Community of interest

As a capital city electorate, Adelaide has large numbers of businesses, peak bodies and major institutions.

Many residents of inner city suburbs have chosen to live where they are close to their place of work. Many workers travel into the city to work, either by public transport or private vehicle, and many walk to work through the parklands.

The CBD and North Adelaide are surrounded by parklands. The parklands are used by residents of the city and inner city suburbs for a variety of exercise and leisure activities.

Abutting the parklands is Greenhill Rd, which is within the current Adelaide boundaries. Fullarton Rd, in Rose Park and Dulwich, has a similar strip of businesses overlooking the parklands and should be considered for inclusion within the new boundaries. Many of the residents of Rose Park and Dulwich are prolific users of the parklands and many work in the city.

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The suburb of Eastwood is currently in Sturt. I suggest that it is an important suburb to include in Adelaide. It includes part of Greenhill Road, abuts the parklands and is a true inner city suburb with many cottages on small blocks of land. It is in keeping with the character of other inner city suburbs, such as Parkside to the south, Mile End/ Thebarton/ Bowden/ Brompton to the west and Frewville/ Kent Town/ Hackney to the east. (Frewville and Kent Town are currently not in federal Adelaide but due to their proximity to the CBD and strong community of interest with the rest of federal Adelaide, they should be included within its boundaries.)

Shopping is another factor that adds to the community of interest between residents of the city and the inner city suburbs. Many city residents shop in the suburbs near the city, such as the Frewville Shopping Centre, the Arkaba Shopping Centre or Unley Shopping Centre. Many residents of suburbs near the city shop in the city - at the Central Market or Rundle Mall.

Other boundaries within Adelaide

State electorates

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 interest.

The recent state redistribution resulted in the suburbs of Eastwood, Glenunga, Frewville & part of Glen Osmond becoming part of the new state electorate of Unley. This should be taken into account when determining the boundaries of federal Adelaide.

Kent Town (a true inner city suburb with many businesses and high density living) is in the state electorate of Norwood, as are other federal Adelaide suburbs.

Local government

The inclusion of Kent Town in Adelaide would merely increase the amount of the Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Council in Adelaide. Hackney, College Park, St Peters, Joslin and Royston Park are in that local government area and are already in the electorate of Adelaide.

Three whole local government areas are currently in Adelaide – Unley, Prospect and Adelaide. It would maintain a strong community of interest if the federal electorate of Adelaide continued to encompass the whole of both the City of Unley and the State electorate of Unley.

Seven councils surround the City of Adelaide. Federal Adelaide currently encompasses at least part of six of those seven councils. The only one of the seven not currently in federal Adelaide is the City of Burnside. Burnside includes inner city suburbs that abut the parklands - Rose Park, Dulwich and Eastwood. Those suburbs also include the businesses and peak bodies along Fullarton Road and Greenhill Road and should therefore be included in federal Adelaide.

Shared booths

- The polling booth at Parkside East is a shared booth with Sturt. Including the suburb of Eastwood in Adelaide would eliminate the need for a shared booth.
- Croydon Park West and West Croydon are currently split booths with Port Adelaide.