

Objection Comment No 1

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State Director



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Mr Geoff Halsey
Australian Electoral Commission - South Australia

Dear Geoff,

Yesterday I had the opportunity to view the comments of the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Democrats regarding the AEC Redistribution Committee's Report on South Australia.

As I said to you on the telephone last Friday, the Liberal Party was reasonably satisfied with the outcome proposed by the Committee, and we thank you for your collective efforts.

On balance, you have delivered a fair Report. We acknowledge that Kingston will be harder for us to win, but the proposed new boundaries are much the same as what we sought.

According to our figures, Makin is slightly more difficult (-0.19% with the transfer of Salisbury Heights), but we can live with its exclusion.

However, I was perturbed to see in both the ALP and Democrat comments yesterday, that they are still pushing for all of the North-East Plains suburbs still in Mayo to be moved into Sturt along with the ALP wanting to move Hillcrest into Adelaide.

I noted that the Democrats wanted to shift those North East suburbs from Mayo into Sturt and replace them with Belair and Blackwood. These just happen to be strong Democrat-voting localities and with the removal of suburbs that largely vote Liberal or Labor, the Democrats would certainly improve their electoral prospects in Mayo.

The Labor suggestion of putting Hillcrest into Adelaide and the removal of Fullarton and Myrtle Bank east of Fullarton Road to Sturt would further weaken Adelaide which is nearly a 50/50 seat.

I notice also that the ALP still wants to include Gawler with Bonython, once again ignoring community interest and that the people of Gawler feel that they are a distinct locality, not a satellite of Elizabeth.

Yours sincerely

JIM BONNER