



**Comment Number 1
On Public Objections**

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Dear Commissioners,

Comments on Objections

I wish to lodge some comments on the objections and about the overall proposed redistribution of the Commissioners.

Firstly I would propose that the Commissions proposals should in the absence of any substantive weakness identified in the objections become the final boundaries.

The three objections raise a variety of issues which have merit. The Barossa Council has raised a compelling case for being united in one Division, however it is a council at the convergence of several Divisions and which numerical considerations prevent at this time being united in one Division. The Barossa has often being in either Wakefield or Angas in the past and Wakefield would be a reasonable placement if numbers permitted.

Dr Mark Mulcair raised some valid issues around tidying up boundaries, in accord with local government boundaries Grey/Wakefield, in accord with major roads Adelaide/Sturt and also Port Adelaide/Hindmarsh. In time the boundaries of Hindmarsh may well conform to Tapleys Hill Road as he suggests, but it is not ideal for numerical reasons presently. The suggested change with Adelaide/Sturt of Lower Portrush Road and Ascot Avenue would form a stronger boundary, but it would tend to permanently divide the Walkerville Council. I am inclined to accept the Mulcair view here however.

The ALP's objection is seeking to reargue for its original submission. Given that many of its proposals have being accepted and where they have not the reasons are sound enough I would suggest the Commissioners position stand. I note the ALP has not identified a boundary for taking 3,000 electors from the proposed Port Adelaide, which is quite surprising. I had originally argued for the continuous use of the Adelaide-Mallala Railway line as the boundary between Port Adelaide, Makin and Wakefield. Whilst I am still of that view the Commissioners have put forward a workable and arguable case for their proposals. The use of the City of Salisbury boundary is also sound, and it is numerically viable.

In summary I am inclined to support the commissioners proposals with the possible exception of the use of the Lower Port Rush Road and Ascot Avenue as the boundary between Adelaide and Sturt.

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