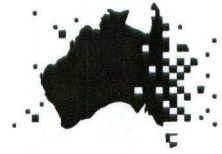




The Federal Redistribution 2011  
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**Comment Number 2  
On Public Suggestions**

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Redistribution Committee of South Australia  
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Australian Labor Party, please find attached our comments on public submissions to the 2011 Redistribution for South Australia.

Regards

**Michael Brown**  
State Secretary

## **Australian Labor Party**

### **Comments on Public Submissions 2011 Redistribution Committee for South Australian Labor Party**

As there is very little requirement for change and the current boundaries reflect communities of interest many of the public suggestion are substantially similar.

The ALP offers the following comments as they relate to other public submissions:

#### **Kingston**

A number of submissions suggest the Kingston boundary be changed to move the McLaren Vale area to Mayo. South of the Onkaparinga River and east of Main South Road are sensibly suggested as new boundaries by both the Liberal Party and the ALP.

The Liberal Party's submission goes further than other submissions in suggesting a further realignment in the Happy Valley area by transferring voters from Mayo to Boothby. After losing the McLaren Vale region Kingston would already be very close to the projected average. This is a very high growth division so additional electors are not necessary, particularly from an area east of the Happy Valley Reservoir.

#### **Hindmarsh**

The Liberal Party suggests that Hindmarsh takes electors from both Port Adelaide and Boothby. The ALP agrees with the former but not the latter suggestion.

In both the ALP and the Liberal Party suggestions the primary criterion is met – bringing Hindmarsh within tolerance and very close to the average, but the Liberal Party's suggestion would see voters from two different divisions being transferred to Hindmarsh.

We reiterate our suggestion that all of the electors needed for Hindmarsh be sourced from only one electorate, the Division of Port Adelaide. By transferring further electors from Port Adelaide a greater portion of the suburb Seaton is united in Hindmarsh and very similar communities west of Tapleys Hill Road are maintained.

The sourcing all voters from the one electorate, means less voter confusion is likely to occur and importantly, a major barrier (the railway line in the south-eastern corner of Hindmarsh) that literally divides areas is not crossed.



## **Makin**

Makin needs to gain voters. Both the ALP and the Liberal Party recognise that Makin's eastern border is a clear delineation between suburban and rural areas and ought not be transgressed.

The Liberal Party's submission makes the bold suggestion that Makin should cross Main North Road and take in the suburb of Mawson Lakes from the Division of Port Adelaide, while the ALP suggests that it is more appropriate for Makin to continue to move in the direction established in the 2003 redistribution.

Main North Road is a very visible boundary that effectively divides and defines communities of interest. It is no coincidence that in this area all the State Divisions use Main North Road as a dividing boundary.

Despite the significance of this boundary, the Liberal Party's submission makes no argument in favour of Mawson Lakes having any identifiable communities of interest with the rest of the Division of Makin. Rather, its submission seems to suggest that Mawson Lakes is a self contained, discrete suburb that can be randomly placed in any Division.

Mawson Lakes is very different to the rest of the areas that constitute the Division of Makin, and has much more in common with other new planned lakefront suburbs already contained in the Division of Port Adelaide (such as West Lakes).

The ALP's submission, in contrast, suggests that part of the suburb of Hillbank is transferred from Wakefield to Makin. Hillbank is a northern foothills suburb that is demographically similar to nearby areas in Makin such as Salisbury Heights. The Liberal Party acknowledges the northern suburbs foothills nature of Makin in the opening sentence of its section about Makin where it is stated, "Makin in the north eastern area of the state [greater Adelaide] brings in part of the foothills.....".

## **Wakefield**

The Liberal Party suggests that Wakefield should lose electors to Port Adelaide in the Burton and Salisbury North area and gain electors from the Barossa Council.

This may satisfy the numerical criteria but the Liberal Party's submission forgoes the opportunity to better reflect communities of interest.

Currently the Barossa Council is split between two divisions: Barker and Mayo. By now suggesting that this regional council be split between three divisions the Liberal Party seems intent on destroying characteristics that unify a community rather than strengthening them.

The current boundary in this area is the local government boundary between the Town of Gawler and the Barossa Council, and for all the reasons that have been given in previous redistributions, local government boundaries are especially important to communities outside metropolitan areas.

This is why the ALP strongly contends that this regional local government boundary should remain the Division boundary in this area.

The Liberal Party also suggests that the northern suburbs of Burton and Salisbury North be transferred from Wakefield to Port Adelaide. It should be noted that if the Liberal Party did not suggest the unnecessary further splitting of the Barossa Council, then Wakefield would not be required to shed as many electors. The fact is that there are no compelling arguments for Wakefield losing the suburbs suggested the Liberal Party. Even if there were, it is still the case that electors shed from Wakefield would be much better suited going to Grey and reuniting more of the Wakefield regional Council in that Division.

It is also important to note that the Labor member for Wakefield chooses to live in the suburb of Burton for the very reason that it very reflective of, and shares much in common, with of the rest of the Salisbury area that is contained within the Division of Wakefield.

### **Sturt**

It is noted that a submission has been lodged by the Liberal member for Sturt, Chris Pyne.

In his very limited submission in which there is no regard for any other Division except Sturt, he suggests that Sturt ought to take in parts of the Adelaide Hills orchard and primary production areas which are very strongly Liberal voting, or take in that part of Adelaide that is very strongly Liberal voting, thereby creating a more confusing boundary with the Division of Adelaide.

While it is largely unnecessary to countenance these suggestions, it should be noted that the ALP's submission to bring extra voters to Sturt would better fulfil both the communities of interest requirement and the prerequisites that Chris Pyne's own submission sets down.

Chris Pyne suggests that it is important that Sturt remains an eastern suburbs division and he is particularly concerned with people's shopping habits. The ALP's suggested transferring of the triangle bounded by Fullarton, Cross and Glen Osmond Roads, addresses his concerns. It would see electors who definitely consider themselves as eastern suburban, and do much of their shopping at the Burnside Village Shopping Centre, become Sturt electors rather than being in the southern suburbs division of Boothby.