



The Federal Redistribution 2011
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Dear Paul

In relation to the redistribution of Federal electoral Boundaries in South Australia, this Society makes the following brief comments.

The Electoral Reform Society of South Australia made a submission in 2003 at the last redistribution, showing the inappropriateness of the current method of electing the House of Representatives.

Unfortunately nothing has changed, as an analysis of the 2010 results of the Federal election for the House of Representatives in South Australia shows:

	% first preferences	% seats won
ALP	40.7	54.5
Liberal	40.2	45.5
Greens	12.0	0
Family First	5.0	0
Other	2.1	0

Effective representation* 53.1%

(* Calculations attached – Table 1)

The current method of electing the House of Representatives, has failed South Australia, in terms of both elector and party representation.

A much fairer result could be achieved if the State was divided into three multi-member electorates, still with a total of 11 seats for South Australia, with quota-preferential proportional representation as the method of election (see Table 2).

Hare-Clark.....fair and democratic

Consideration needs to be given to:

- amending Section 57 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 so that more than one member of the House of Representatives can be chosen from each Division; and
- changing the method of election for the House of Representatives.

With South Australia entitled to 11 seats in the House of Representatives, the State could be divided into three electorates:

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| * | “Adelaide” | - five members |
| * | “Southern SA” | - three members |
| * | “Northern SA” | - three members |

In drawing the boundaries for three electorates, rather than for 11, it should be relatively easier to consider communities of interest, means of communication and travel, and geographical and physical features.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: House of Representative Results for 2010 Federal Election in South Australia

EFFECTIVE VOTES

An analysis of the House of Representatives election results for South Australia, 21 August 2010

(A) Election results (after distribution of necessary preferences so that the winning candidate has more than 50% of the vote)

Electorate	Effective votes			Ineffective votes				Total votes
	ALP	LIB	IND	ALP	LIB	GRN	OTHER	
Adelaide	50164				36793			86957
Barker*		51810		26433		8607	7420	94270
Boothby		43317		42042				85359
Grey*		49361		27514		6876	4741	88492
Hindmarsh	49698				39526			89224
Kingston*	46882				26652	11264	7036	91834
Makin*	43114				25740	8604	7775	85233
Mayo		48062		25057		18784		91903
Port Adelaide*	48638				21615	13659	6467	90379
Sturt		44697		33467		10121		88285
Wakefield	44988				30537	12488		88013
Total	283484	237247	0	154513	180863	90403	33439	979949

(In those electorates marked with a *, the winning candidate had over 50% of the first preference votes, and it was not necessary to distribute any preferences)

(B) Voter representation

The election results listed in (A) can be summarised:

Party	Total votes	Effective votes		Ineffective votes	
ALP	437997	283484	64.7%	154513	35.3%
LIB	418110	237247	56.7%	180863	43.3%
GRN	90403	0	0.0%	90403	100.0%
OTHER	33439	0	0.0%	33439	100.0%
Total	979949	520731	53.1%	459218	46.9%
Effective representation		53.1%			
Wasted votes		46.9%			

(C) Party representation

The election results listed in (A) also show the following:

Party	% of total vote	Corresponding proportion of seats		Seats actually won
ALP	44.7%	4.92	5	6
LIB	42.7%	4.69	5	5
GRN	9.2%	1.01	1	0
OTHER	3.4%	0.38	0	0

This analysis has been prepared by the Electoral Reform Society of South Australia.

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Source: Australian Electoral Commission

Table 2: South Australia with three electorates

An analysis showing what the result may have been for the 2010 Federal Election if proportional representation had been used in South Australia

SEAT ONE		"Adelaide"					
District	Votes					Total	Electors enrolled
	ALP	LIB	GRN	FF	OTHER		
Adelaide	38162	32673	11901	1900	2321	86957	98519
Boothby	30515	38248	11305	2120	3171	85359	97860
Hindmarsh	39736	34831	10773	2563	1321	89224	100215
Port Adelaide	48638	21615	13659	6467		90379	104280
Sturt	31989	42418	8834	3346	1698	88285	99023
Totals	189040	169785	56472	16396	8511	440204	499897
Quotas	2.58	2.31	0.77	0.22	0.12		
Members elected	2	2	1				
Actual members	3	2					
Quota for election					73367		
Number of electors enrolled					499897		
Number of formal votes					440204		
SEAT TWO		"Southern SA"					
District	Votes					Total	Electors enrolled
	ALP	LIB	GRN	FF	OTHER		
Barker	26,433	51,810	8,607	5,829	1,591	94,270	104,845
Kingston	46,882	26,652	11,264	5,288	1,748	91,834	102,281
Mayo	22,997	42,976	15,593	5,337	5,000	91,903	101,510
Totals	96312	121438	35464	16454	8339	278007	308636
Quotas	1.39	1.75	0.51	0.24	0.12		
Members elected	1	2					
Actual members	1	2					
Quota for election					69502		
Number of electors enrolled					308636		
Number of formal votes					278007		

SEAT THREE "Northern SA"

District	Votes					Total	Electors enrolled
	ALP	LIB	GRN	FF	OTHER		
Grey	27,514	49,361	6,876	4,741		88,492	99,775
Makin	43,114	25,740	8,604	5,089	2,686	85,233	96,233
Wakefield	43,299	27,679	9,948	5,958	1,129	88,013	100,156
Totals	113927	102780	25428	15788	3815	261738	296164
Quotas	1.74	1.48	0.37	0.23	0.06		
Members elected	2	1					
Actual members	2	1					
Quota for election					65435		
Number of electors enrolled					296164		
Number of formal votes					261738		

Party representation

Seat	ALP	LIB	GRN	FF	Other
1		2	2	1	
2		1	2		
3		2	1		
Whole State	5	5	1		
Members expected in proportion to votes	5	5	1		
Actual members	6	5			