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From: Kevin Bowden
Sent: Monday, 7 May 2018 3:18 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Why remove Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene from Boothby?

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The suburbs of Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are currently in the federal electorate of Boothby. That's where they should stay.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are part of the Mitcham Hills and Mitcham Hills Council zone. They are less than 2 km from the shopping centre at Blackwood. The nearest town to both suburbs is Stirling, more than 10km with only two access roads, (Upper Sturt and Sturt Valley Roads) both culminating in Stirling. The only other access road to Mayo is via the Cherry Gardens Road (some 20km of winding road).

Clause 129 in the notice of redistribution speaks of the positive of 'uniting' suburbs within the same Council Hawthorndene and Craighburn Farm part of the Mitcham Council and including them in Mayo would physically isolate the residents, and , I suspect leave them very poorly represented as they would be too small and too far from the centre of Mayo to attract any attention from their elected member.

Craighburn Farm residents are some 15km from the CBD and Hawthorndene's considerably closer and both considerably closer than other parts of Boothby). Few will venture into Mayo and then to only pass through. Removing them will politically isolate them from others in their new electorate. They will not be, nor have any claim on any Local Council in Mayo. Their community of interest, travel, economic and social factors should be given much more weight by the Electoral Commission.

Whilst I recognised the need and in fact the difficult task a changing the boundaries it makes little sense to me to isolate two suburbs and place them in an electorate in which they will have no connection or interest. They will have absolutely no voice in their new electorate

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene moved out of Boothby for the first time in 84 years.

I acknowledge that I will remain within the Electorate of Boothby, but the changes place the residents of Blackwood on the new boundary.

Yours sincerely, Kevin Bowden