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2011 FEDERAL BOUNDARIES REDISTRIBUTION (South Australia)

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Introduction

In accordance with the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* ("The Electoral Act"), the Australian Electoral Commission will commence a redistribution of South Australia. Seven years have elapsed since the last redistribution. This submission intends to assist the Redistribution Committee ("The Committee") to arrange the boundaries of the seat of Sturt, in a way that reflects its topography and community interests.

This submission provides the committee with two proposals for the redrawing of the boundaries. These options have a marginal degree of variation from the average projected enrolment, whilst making minimal changes to the boundaries.

These options take into account the projected enrolment as at 21 January, 2015 as set down by the Electoral Act.

For the adjustment of electoral boundaries, there are four criteria that are to be complied with:

- Community interests within the electorate (economic, regional and social)
- Ease of communication and travel convenience
- Physical features
- Existing electoral boundaries

These submissions are confined to the redistribution of the boundaries of Sturt.

Enrolment

The electorate of Sturt is currently below the average projected enrolment. The average projected enrolment is 104,752. The electorate is required to be within 3.5% of the projected enrolment. This equates to between 101,086 – 108,418 electors.

Sturt is within the 3.5% quota, but only by a small margin. Sturt will need to gain voters from adjoining electorates. This will only be done as far as practicable with an emphasis on maintaining the existing boundaries as far as possible.

At 12 January, 2011 Sturt has 98,897 electors. As at 21 January, 2015 Sturt's projected enrolment is 101,161; a 2.29% growth in enrolment. This is below the average growth of enrolment of 4.09%.

The projected enrolments for Makin and Boothby are significantly below the 3.5% quota. They are required to gain a significant number of electors (Please see the graph in Attachment Three). Major changes will be required to their boundaries. Sturt is also below the projected average. But Sturt should not gain voters from these divisions. Gaining voters from these divisions would be disruptive and difficult to justify.

It would be convenient for Sturt to gain electors from either Adelaide or Mayo. Those changes will be less intrusive to existing boundaries and simple to undertake. Moreover, Sturt is an eastern suburbs seat; moving north or south into either Boothby or Makin may distort the historical base of the electorate.

Under option one; Sturt will have a projected enrolment of 104,750. This is a zero variation from the average projected enrolment. It would see a transfer of votes from Mayo to Sturt of 3589 electors.

Under option two; Sturt will have a projected enrolment of 104,266, or a 0.46 variation from the average. It would see a net transfer of votes between Adelaide and Sturt of 3105 electors.

The Sturt Electorate

I submit that the City of Burnside should remain (along with the City of Campbelltown) the base of the electorate. There are strong communities and groups of interest within Burnside that should remain within the electorate.

Burnside contains the Burnside Village Shopping Centre; the major shopping precinct in the south of the electorate. It offers Burnside residents the only Coles store in the area, as well as a variety of other specialist stores. These include a post office and major bank branches. It is also well located across the road from the Burnside Civic Centre and the Burnside Library. The Burnside Library and the Campbelltown Library, and the Payneham Library are the only public libraries in the Eastern suburbs and should remain within the electorate. These facilities provide vital community services for the constituents of Sturt.

The City of Campbelltown should remain within the seat of Sturt. There is a strong community of interest and cultural unity. Like the City of Burnside, the Civic Centre provides important community services to my constituents.

The cities of Campbelltown and Burnside share many demographic, geographic and social similarities which indicates they share a community of interest. A fact acknowledged by the Electoral Commission in the last redistribution which joined the two together almost in toto.

The Newton and Dernancourt shopping centres are contained within Campbelltown. They are the main shopping precincts in the north-east of the electorate. They contain a large variety of stores that provide essential services to Campbelltown residents. These centres service many Sturt constituents and are within convenient distance from their homes.

A large majority of the City of Norwood/Payneham and St Peters lies within Sturt. Community centres such as the Firlie Shopping Centre provide convenient and efficient services to my constituents, particularly the residents of Magill, St Morris, Payneham, Glynde and other surrounding suburbs. Payneham Library and community facilities also provide constituents with vital services.

The retention of these local government areas in Sturt will ensure there is a strong community of interest within the seat.

Option 1

New Boundaries

I propose that these Sturt boundaries remain unchanged:

- Northern Boundary along Grand Junction Road
- Southern Boundary from the corner of Fullarton Road and Glen Osmond Road.
- Western Boundary from Grand Junction Road to the beginning of the Eastern Freeway.

I propose that the eastern suburbs of Woodforde, Teringie, Norton Summit, Montacute, Castambul, Cherryville, Marble Hill, Basket Range, Greenhill, Ashton, and Horsnell Gully would be transferred from Mayo to Sturt. These suburbs share a strong community of interest with Sturt. These suburbs also utilise the same means of communication and transportation as the electors of Sturt.

This would mean a redrawing of the Eastern boundary. The new electorate would follow Kangaroo Creek east to Croft Road, and will join to the beginning of Mawson Road. The boundary would then follow Mawson Road until it intersects with the Adelaide-Lobethal Road.

Mawson Road then becomes Deviation Road. The boundary will by-pass Uraidla, and will run up Range Road, until it intersects with Basket Range Road. The boundary will then run along Greenhill Road until it reaches its existing boundary at the Mt Lofty Scenic Route.

These gains would ensure that Sturt retains most of the City of Burnside and the City of Campbelltown, whilst gaining suburbs in the Adelaide Hills which share strong community interest with both of these local government areas. This will mean that the electorate's base remains intact, whilst making a minimal transfer of suburbs.

Due to the minimal changes that need to be made, I submit that Sturt does not need to lose any suburbs.

In summary, the new boundaries would mean the following changes:

- Sturt gains the suburbs of Teringie, Woodforde, Greenhill, Norton Summit, Ashton, Basket Range, Cherryville, Castambul, Marble Hill, Horsnell Gully and Montacute.

The Criteria

Community of Interest

The suburbs of Ashton, Basket Range, Greenhill and Horsnell Gully have strong interests and community ties with Sturt. These suburbs are contained within the State District of Bragg, much of which falls within Sturt. These residents share strong sporting and social ties with the people of Sturt.

Likewise the constituents of Woodforde, Teringie, Norton Summit, Montacute, Cherryville, Basket Range and half of Ashton and Basket Range lie within the state District of Morialta. Both of these districts have strong ties with Sturt. Many of these electors share common public facilities such as Firlie Plaza Shopping Centre and the Newton Shopping Centre. Both of these are situated in Sturt.

Under this submission, the state division of Morialta will be contained entirely within Sturt. Bragg will also be almost entirely within Sturt.

Ease of Communication and Travel Convenience

The proximity of the Sturt Electorate Office, compared to the Mayo Electorate Office has meant I have handled a disproportionate number of matters and complaints from the proposed area of inclusion. Constituents of these suburbs, particularly Woodforde and Teringie travel to the Sturt Electorate Office in St Morris, as it they find it difficult or impractical to travel to the Mayo Electorate Office, based in Mt Barker.

Many of these constituents find it is easier and more convenient to access me and my office, than the Mayo Office due to the distance and roads. The transfer of these suburbs would mean that local residents would better utilise my office and be saved the logistical inconvenience of travel.

Physical Features

The current features of Metropolitan Adelaide and the geography of Sturt are well known to the committee.

Sturt is an eastern suburbs seat and should remain on the plain between the Adelaide Hills and the Parklands as far as practicable. Under this proposal, the inclusion of the suburbs of Woodforde, Teringie, Greenhill, Norton Summit, Ashton, Basket Range, Cherryville, Castambul, Marble Hill, Horsnell Gully and Montacute spread beyond the Adelaide Plains and into the hills.

The boundary of Grand Junction Road and Glen Osmond Road are significant roads. They provide the northern and southern boundaries. The boundary from Fosters Road to the

corner of Greenhill and Fullarton are also significant, busy roads. They are obvious boundaries to the electorate.

The inclusion of Woodforde, Teringie, Greenhill, Norton Summit, Ashton, Basket Range, Cherryville, Castambul, Marble Hill, Horsnell Gully and Montague would not upset the other boundaries.

Existing Electoral Boundaries

This option as far as practicable maintains existing boundaries. Current boundaries do not change in three out of four points of the compass.

Option 2

New Boundaries

I propose that the following boundaries remain unchanged:

- Southern boundary from the corner of Glen Osmond Road and Fullarton Road.
- Eastern Boundary following the foothills.
- Northern boundary along Grand Junction Road to Sudholz Road.

The new western boundary would then extend south down Sudholz to North East Road. It would then extend to the corner of Lansdowne Road, where the boundary would then continue along its current boundaries until the corner of Portrush Road and The Parade. The boundary will then run along The Parade until it reaches Fullarton Road. The boundary will then run along Fullarton Road, until it intersects Greenhill Road. The western boundary will link up with the southern boundary.

Sturt would gain the suburbs of Dulwich, Rose Park, Eastwood, Norwood (half) and Toorak Gardens from the seat of Adelaide. These suburbs share a strong community of interest with the electors of Sturt, particularly the residents of Burnside.

Sturt would lose the suburbs of Oakden and Hillcrest to Adelaide. These suburbs share a strong community of interest and convenient transport facilities more in common with the people of Enfield.

These changes will reunite the City of Burnside with Sturt, and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield with Adelaide. The City of Campbelltown will remain in Sturt and a large majority of Norwood/Payneham and St Peters will fall in Sturt.

To summarise, this proposal would mean the following changes:

- Sturt gains the suburbs of Dulwich, Rose Park, Norwood (half), Eastwood and Toorak Gardens from Adelaide.
- Sturt loses Hillcrest and Oakden to Adelaide.

I oppose electors being moved into Sturt from Makin or south from Boothby. Both of these electorates are under quota and their average projected enrolment is significantly lower than that of Sturt. These electorates need to gain a significant number of electors from other electorates. Gaining electors from these divisions would be illogical. Sturt should remain a seat with its base in the eastern suburbs.

This proposal ensures there are limited changes to the existing boundaries, whilst simultaneously maintaining local government boundaries as far as practicable.

The Criteria

Community Interest

The Cities of Burnside and Campbelltown should remain the base of the electorate. The large majority of the City of Norwood/Payneham and St Peters and the small part of the City of Tea Tree Gully within the seat of Sturt all share strong communities of interest. These council areas all share a similar age, history, ethnicity and socio-economic background.

Dulwich, Rose Park, Eastwood and Toorak Gardens are contained within the City of Burnside, and the State District of Bragg. Throughout its history, Sturt has always taken in the large majority of Bragg and Burnside. Including these suburbs within Sturt would be a natural extension of the electorate. The community, sporting and social groups in Burnside reflect the strong community of interest that already exists. The addition of these suburbs will add to the community interests of Burnside residents.

Shopping and Entertainment

The constituents of these suburbs conduct their shopping and entertainment within Sturt. Burnside Village and the Burnside Civic Centre are within several minutes of these suburbs. The City of Burnside contains the Burnside Shopping Centre, the Burnside Hospital, the Civic Centre and the Library. These institutions provide essential, everyday services to the constituents of these suburbs. It is important that these suburbs and institutions be placed within the same electorate.

Religion

The constituents of Dulwich, Eastwood, Rose Park, Norwood and Toorak Gardens share strong religious ties and places of worship.

The Roman Catholic Parish of Burnside/Dulwich has its boundaries within Sturt and Adelaide, with one church in Adelaide, and the other in Sturt. Many Sturt Catholics also use St Ignatius Church in the Norwood Parish.

Sturt constituents make use of the Anglican Parish of Toorak Gardens. The parish boundary does not cross between Adelaide and Sturt, but it draws parishioners from within Sturt. There are a large number of Anglicans living in these suburbs with strong community ties with Anglican parishes in Sturt, in particular, the Burnside Parish.

Education

The families of Dulwich, Rose Park, Eastwood and Toorak Gardens have access to the same primary and secondary schools with Sturt.

The zoned area for Marryatville High School is on the border between Adelaide and Sturt, with the majority of Adelaide students coming from Dulwich, Rose Park, Toorak Gardens and about half of Norwood. As the Marryatville High School campus is in Sturt, it would be logical to include these suburbs within Sturt to accommodate zoning patterns as far as practicable.

Many families from Dulwich, Rose Park, Eastwood, Norwood and Toorak Gardens have children at non government schools within Sturt, particularly Loreto College, Pembroke, St Ignatius and Seymour College.

Existing Boundaries

This option as far as practicable maintains existing boundaries. Current boundaries do not change in three out of four points of the compass.

Conclusion

Both proposals pose minimal additions to the Sturt electorate.

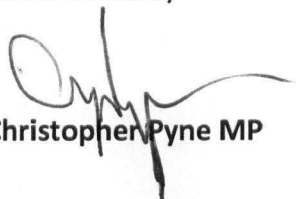
Under option one, the inclusion of Woodforde, Teringie, Greenhill, Norton Summit, Ashton, Basket Range, Cherryville, Castambul, Marble Hill, Horsnell Gully and Montacute is a small change. Relocating these suburbs to Sturt will certainly improve the constituent's means and convenience of travel within the electorate and would be consistent with the existing community of interest. The inclusion would be historically consistent with previous boundaries of the seat of Sturt which has in the past extended as far as Uraidla in the Adelaide Hills. It will have a zero variation from the average projected enrolment.

Under option two, the inclusion of Dulwich, Rose Park, Norwood, Eastwood and Toorak Gardens, and the loss of Oakden and Hillcrest is also a minor change. Historically the suburbs of Dulwich, Rose Park, Norwood, Eastwood and Toorak Gardens have existed in

Sturt, Oakden and Hillcrest share an affinity with Adelaide as suburbs in the Port Adelaide/Enfield Council. The proposal will restore (to some extent) some of Sturt's previous boundaries. It is therefore consistent with Sturt's historical physical boundaries and a 0.46 variation from the projected enrolment.

I am willing to provide further evidence that verifies my submissions if required. I am available to give oral submissions before the committee if that is also required.

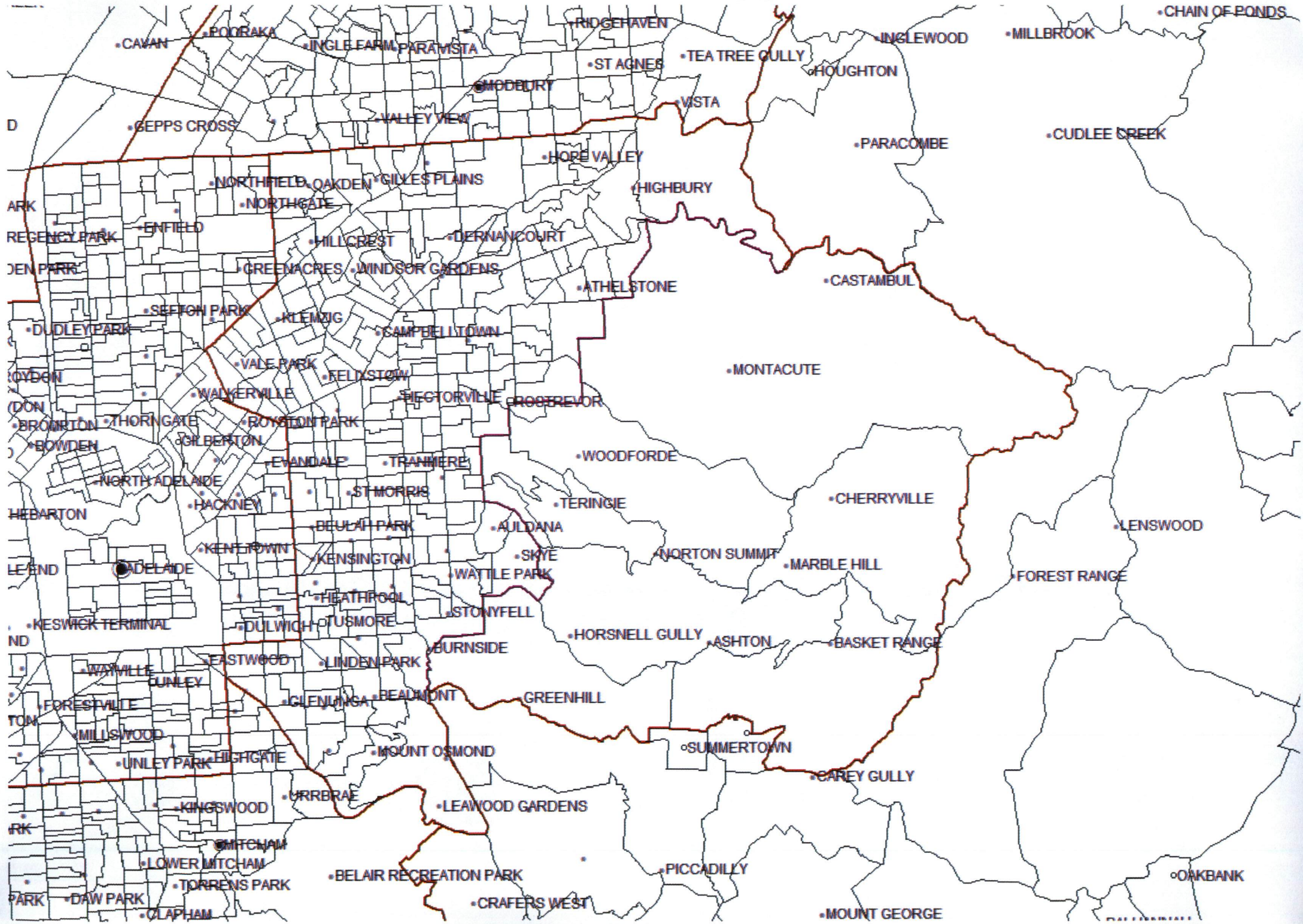
Yours sincerely

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Christopher Pyne MP

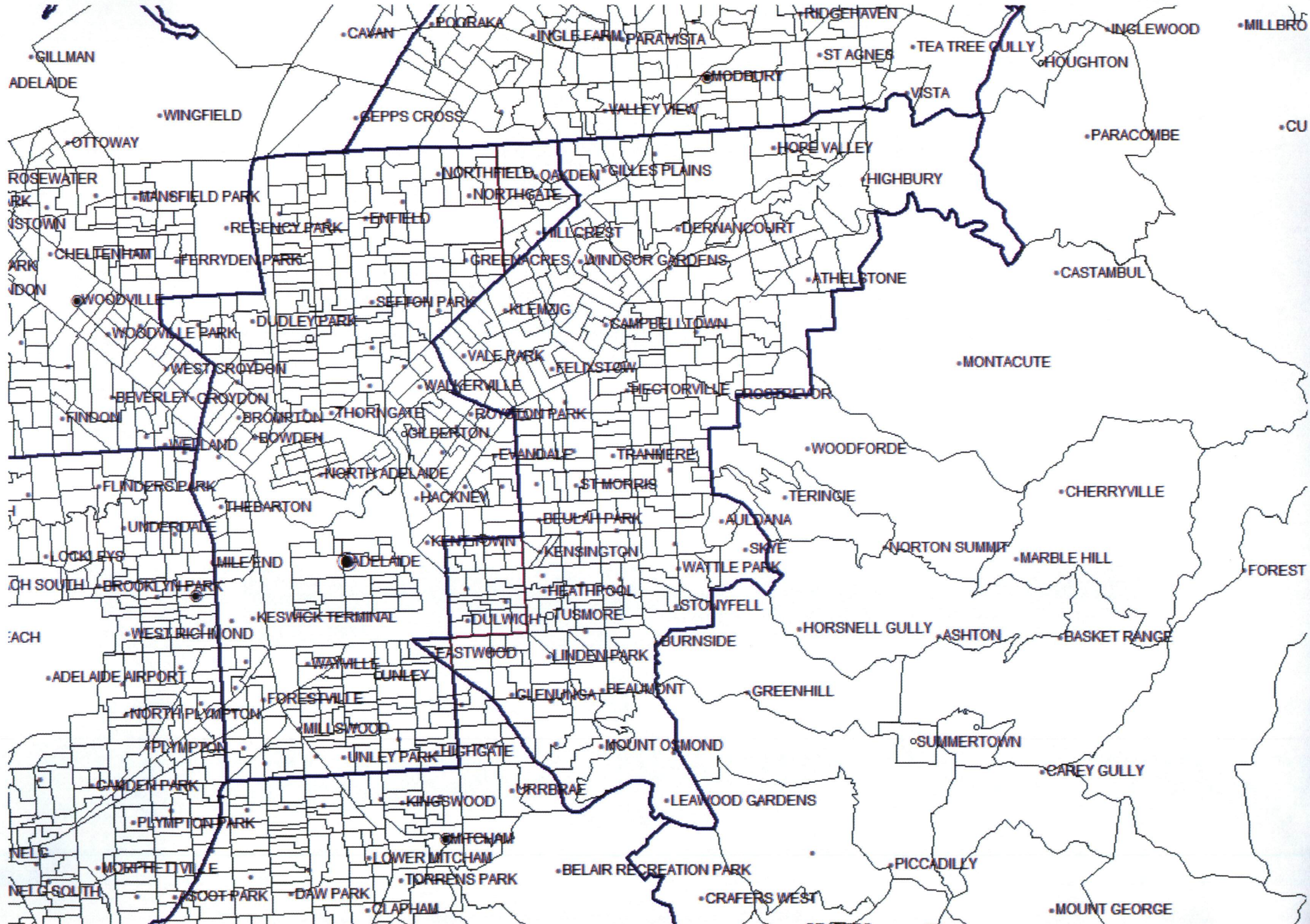
Attachment One

Map: Option 1



Attachment Two

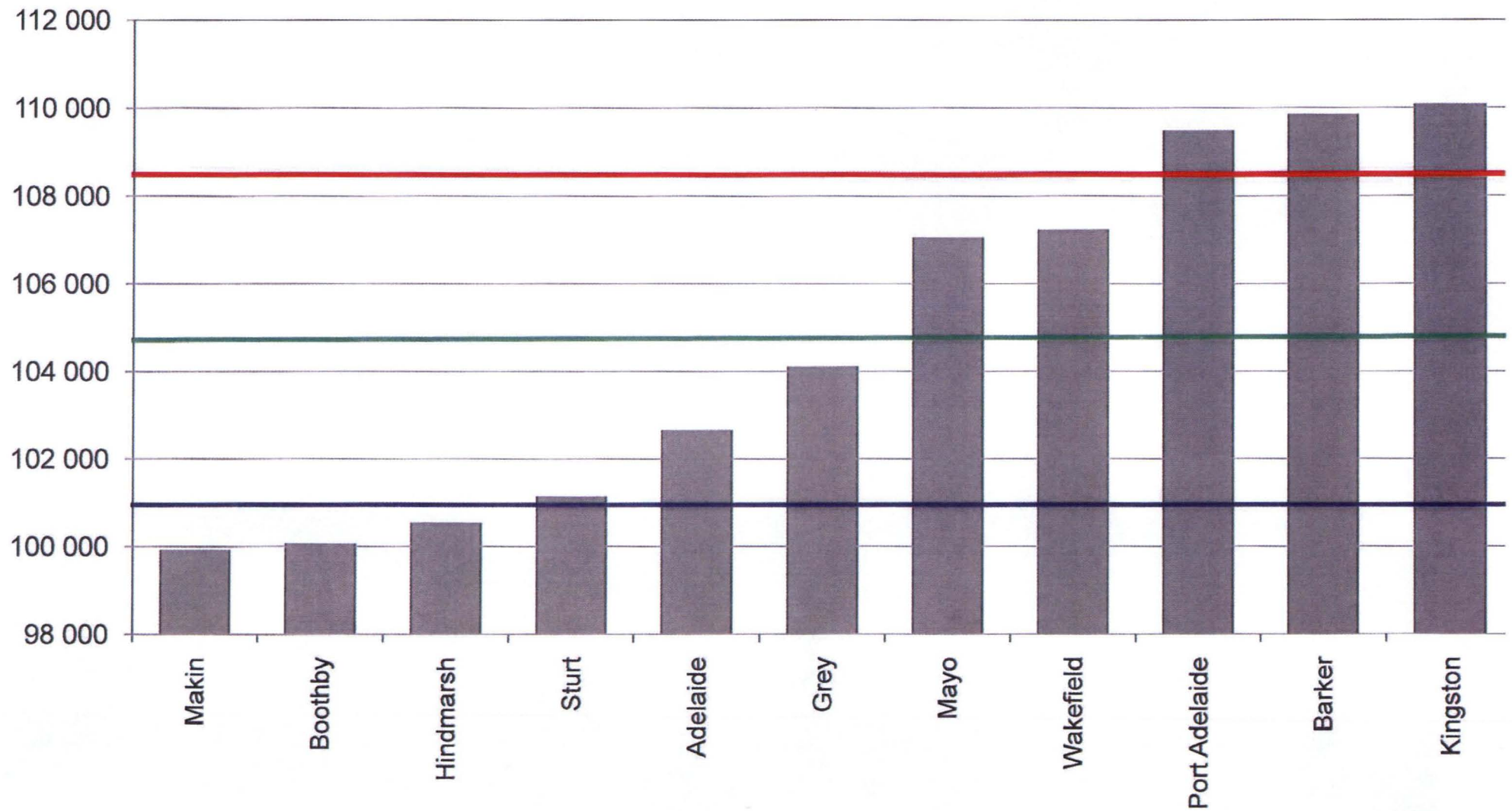
Map: Option 2



Attachment Three

Graph: Projected Enrolment

Projected Enrolment 21 Jan 2015



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