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Submission on the Proposed Federal Redistribution for South Australia

Introduction

I would like to thank the Australian Electoral Commission for a well-considered proposal. I support the majority of the recommendations, with one notable exception outlined below.

Seats That Have Not Changed

Adelaide, Hindmarsh and Sturt remain entirely unchanged. I strongly support this outcome.

Boothby

The proposal unites the entirety of the City of Mitcham LGA within the electorate of Boothby, transferring the remaining portions out of Mayo. I support this as a positive and coherent outcome.

Kingston

The proposed electorate of Kingston gains the localities of Aldinga, Aldinga Beach, Port Willunga and Sellicks Beach from Mayo. I support this change. As I noted in my comments during the suggestions stage, these beachside communities have stronger social and geographic ties with Kingston than with the Adelaide Hills. Their transfer appropriately restores Kingston to the metropolitan boundary.

Makin

I support the addition of the parts of Salisbury LGA south of the Little Para River from Spence. I also previously expressed strong opposition to any proposal that would remove areas of the City of Tea Tree Gully currently within Makin, as these communities are integral to the division and should remain. The current proposal ensures this does not occur, and I therefore support it as a good outcome.

Spence / Grey Boundary

This is the only element of the proposal to which I object.

I acknowledge that Spence must contract due to being over quota, and transferring parts of Salisbury to Makin partly addresses this. However, I do not believe that Grey—an outback electorate—should extend into the Playford LGA, which is a metropolitan council. This concern is heightened by the fact that Virginia is expected to urbanise in the coming years.

I therefore recommend removing the small portions of the Barossa and Light LGAs currently within Spence. This would allow Spence to function as a purely metropolitan division, consistent with the character of the former Division of Bonython. It would also ensure clearer alignment with local government boundaries.