



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

# Submission OB317

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This submission opposes the proposed expansion and renaming of the South Australian Federal Electorate of Grey.

**Proposed Boundary Changes:** The federal electorate of Grey has existed continuously since 1903 and is the largest federal electorate in South Australia covering more than 92% of South Australia's landmass. The proposed boundary expansion is not due to an inadequacy in Grey, but to address anticipated enrolment growth in neighbouring electorates. Expanding Grey to include parts of the cities of Salisbury and Playford would mitigate its current emphasis on regional, rural, and remote communities. Representing regional, rural, and remote South Australia should always be the role of the Member for Grey. The proposed expansion of Grey by the inclusion of Adelaide's northern suburbs would diminish the voices of regional, rural and remote South Australians.

**Proposed Re-naming:** Named in honour of Sir George Grey, the Federal Electorate of Grey has existed since 1903. Sir George Grey was a British explorer and colonial administrator who served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Governor of South Australia from 1841 to 1845 and played a key role in stabilising the colony's finances during a period of economic difficulty. The name Grey is highly recognised amid the communities it represents and given its magnitude and prevailing history is one of the most geographically recognised electorates in Australia. Renaming an electorate initiates significant taxpayer funded costs due to changes required for signage, stationery and constituent interactions. There is no compelling justification for a name change for the Electorate of Grey. The proposed renaming of Grey to honour Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue is emphatically opposed; every endeavour should be made by the Australian Electoral Commission to preserve the names of primary Australian Federation electorates.

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