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# Submission OB365

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## **Submission on the Proposed Redistribution and Renaming of the Division of Grey**

I wish to make a submission regarding the proposed redistribution and renaming of the Division of Grey.

Grey has existed continuously since 1903 as a Federation electorate, and current projections show it will remain within the permissible enrolment range through to 2030. The proposed boundary expansion appears to be driven solely by projected growth in neighbouring metropolitan electorates, not by any need within Grey itself.

I strongly oppose the proposal to extend Grey into parts of the Cities of Salisbury and Playford. Grey is a large regional, rural and remote electorate, and its communities face issues that are completely different from those of metropolitan Adelaide. Combining these areas would not improve representation for anyone. Instead, it would make it harder for rural and country people to have their voices heard, while also leaving metropolitan residents represented by a member whose responsibilities are spread across vast distances and very different communities. This is not a good idea for either side and would result in both groups being poorly represented.

I also strongly oppose the proposed renaming of Grey to O'Donoghue. The name Grey has been in continuous use for more than 120 years and is well recognised, well established, and strongly connected to the electorate's identity. Changing the name would create unnecessary confusion and impose avoidable costs on taxpayers at a time when public funds are already under pressure. I do not support the name change in any form.

For these reasons, I firmly request that the AEC **retain both the current boundaries and the current name** of the Division of Grey. Rural and country communities deserve to be represented separately from metropolitan areas, and the existing electorate structure reflects this reality. The proposed changes would weaken representation, increase logistical challenges, and undermine the long-standing identity of the electorate.

I respectfully ask the AEC to maintain the existing name and boundaries of Grey.

Regards

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