



**THE FEDERAL
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Submission OB383

District Council of Orroroo Carrieton

23rd April 2026

Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Submission on the Proposed Redistribution & Renaming of the Federal Electorate of Grey

The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton considered the Proposed Redistribution & Renaming of the Federal Electorate of Grey at its Ordinary meeting held on 22nd April 2026 and makes the following comments and formal submission.

The Council is the smallest Local Government area within the Electorate of Grey and holds strongly the view that changes to the Electorate has the potential of diluting the support and representation provided by the Federal Member to the district and its constituents.

The Council fully appreciates that each Electorate is required to contain a similar number of electors represented by a Member of the House of Representatives in Parliament. However, it is Councils view that the electorate of Grey, being the largest geographical electorate primarily due to the low density of population, in particular the outback areas of SA, remains a simple fact, with the Electorate representing rural and remote communities.

The main concern with the “creeping” of the electorate boundary into the northern suburbs, and therefore metropolitan Adelaide, is that the very foundation of the electorate changes in nature that no longer represents and provides a voice for the rural and regional communities of South Australia.

This very concern has the potential of smaller regional areas effectively losing their voice in Parliament, which is not a criticism of the Member of Parliament, however more an observation based on where the density of the electors will reside. It could be argued that the electorate is un-workable in its current boundaries without the extension into the northern parts of Adelaide.

Based on the above, it is Councils position to:

1. Oppose the realignment of the Electoral Boundary for Grey to include the parts of the City of Playford and the City of Salisbury, on the basis that the electors within Playford and Salisbury areas are better aligned with a “metropolitan” electorate and Member of Parliament.
2. Support an alternative option to incorporate elements of the Light Regional Council that are currently within Electorate of Spence, on the basis that the electorate numbers can be increased without a substantial increase in geographical area, while maintaining integrity of the Electorate to represent rural and regional communities.

3. Oppose the remaining of the Electorate from Grey to O'Donoghue.

In closing, the Council feels strongly in its submission proposal and the alternative to be explored as stated, to ensure that the electors of its district remain well represented in Federal Parliament.

Yours sincerely



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