



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Submission OB406

SA Labor

SA Labor is grateful for the opportunity to provide ideas in response to the proposed redistribution for South Australia.

SA Labor agrees that the Proposed Redistribution satisfies the criteria within subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 66 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (the Act)*.

As we submitted during the ideas phase, it was possible to satisfy these criteria with relatively minimal change from existing boundaries, which was inherently ideal to ensure continuity of service between electors and representative wherever possible.

SA Labor further submitted that it was ideal to minimise transfers between the seven existing metropolitan seats and three rural seats.

We submitted a proposal that would only see changes to the boundaries of five seats. Whilst the Redistribution Committee has taken an alternative approach which offers transfers of varying significance to seven seats, we agree with most of the proposed changes, with one exception, reflect the spirit of minimalistic change that SA Labor believes is ideal.

Kingston, Mayo and Boothby

The proposed redistribution sees transfers between Kingston and Mayo, and a transfer from Mayo to Boothby.

Whilst SA Labor had originally suggested a more significant change to the boundaries of Mayo and Barker that would have seen the existing boundaries of Kingston and Boothby remain untouched, we submit that the Redistribution Committee's Proposed Boundaries are also an efficient way of satisfying the requirements of *the Act*. Whilst there may be some argument that Aberfoyle Park and the portions of Happy Valley being shifted into Mayo are being shifted into an electorate further from their natural service and community centres, we accept this is necessitated by both the Proposed Redistributions changes to the southern border of Kingston, and the growth of population in Adelaide's Southern Suburbs.

Mayo and Barker

SA Labor had submitted a more significant transfer between Mayo and Barker, that we submitted would have greater reflected the consistencies between communities along the South Eastern Freeway, and would have negated any need for changes to the Boothby or Kingston Boundaries. That said, we accept the transfers between Mayo and Barker, taken in conjunction with the aforementioned transfers between Mayo, Boothby and Kingston, satisfy the requirements of *the Act*.

Spence and Makin

The Proposed Redistributions also proposes a transfer between Spence and Makin, in allowing the Little Para River to form a natural boundary, removing the deviation along Kings Road and Main North Road. This is consistent with the approach SA Labor had proposed, along with other submitters.

O'Donoghue and Spence

The Proposed Redistribution also makes significant transfers between O'Donoghue, formerly Grey, and Spence. Whilst SA Labor accepts that these changes satisfy the criteria contained in *the Act*, and that Spence needed to lose a significant portion of projected electors, we submit that more minimal changes using existing LGA boundaries, when taken in conjunction with the transfer between Makin and Spence, would have also satisfied these objectives.

The committee proposes to transfer the localities of Buckland Park, Riverlea Park, Virginia and part of Waterloo Corner from Spence to the proposed electorate of O'Donoghue.

The Committee relied on a community-of-interest argument to justify this transfer - specifically, that these localities share "*similar land uses and strong community of interest ties*" to the localities of Lewiston and Two Wells already within the proposed electorate of O'Donoghue.

Riverlea Park is a significantly urban area that will only become more urbanised over time and is significantly different in character from the semi-rural localities of Lewiston and Two Wells. It was gazetted as a distinct suburb in 2022 specifically by excising urban land from the predominantly rural Buckland Park, is served by Adelaide Metro bus routes, and is being delivered as South Australia's largest master-planned urban community.

We note that there are other ways in which the Commission can adjust the boundaries of Spence and its neighbouring electorates to bring Spence within the projected enrolment range, such that a significantly high-growth urban community is not placed into a predominantly rural electorate with significantly different communities of interest. In SA Labor's original submission, we suggested there was room for the Redistribution Committee to align the Light Regional Council into Grey, now O'Donoghue, given Light Local Government Area is currently split between three federal electorates. The portion remaining in Spence is a potential boundary upon which to rectify Spence's projected over-quota.

We again thank the Redistribution Committee for their work on the Proposed Redistribution, and for the opportunity to submit ideas.