



**THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Submission OB415

Anonymous 68

To the Augmented Electoral Commission for South Australia,

Thank you for receiving this submission of objection.

Numerical requirements mean that there is little need to radically redraw South Australia's electoral map, and the Redistribution Committee has largely taken a successful minimalist approach.

To begin, I am supportive of the following changes:

- The proposed transfer of the parts of Salisbury south of the Little Para River from **Spence to Makin**
- The proposed transfer of the balance of Mitcham Council from **Mayo to Boothby**

However, I would like to raise an objection to the proposed swap of electors between **Kingston** and **Mayo**, namely:

- The proposed transfer of Aldinga, Aldinga Beach, Port Willunga and Sellicks Beach from **Mayo to Kingston**
- The proposed transfer of Aberfoyle Park, Chandlers Hill and part of Happy Valley from **Kingston to Mayo**

I will discuss this in further detail on the following pages.

I would also like to suggest some small amendments to boundaries, particularly around the regional divisions of **Barker, Mayo** and **O'Donoghue** and the towns of Strathalbyn, Freeling and Kapunda to better consolidate communities with likeminded areas.

All the best in your deliberations.

KINGSTON & MAYO

The proposed swap of territory between **Kingston** and **Mayo** is unnecessary and does not lead to improved community of interest outcomes for the 24,387 electors in question.

The electors of the Aberfoyle Park and Aldinga areas have been part of their respective divisions for 3 elections now, almost a decade. Regardless of whether they have previously been in other divisions, to exchange them requires significant justification to do so.

Ideally, both areas would be included in **Kingston**, which represents Adelaide's outer southern suburbs (in contrast to **Mayo**'s more regional nature), however Aldinga is clearly more separated from Adelaide's urban area and thus should not be included at the expense of Aberfoyle Park.

The Aldinga area – while having a coastal and urban character – is reasonably separated from Seaford and the remainder of Adelaide's outer southern suburbs by an approximately 3km tract of farming land.

While Aldinga has a connection to Seaford via the 750 and 750x bus routes, it also has connections inland to Willunga and McLaren Vale via the 751, 755 and 756 buses.

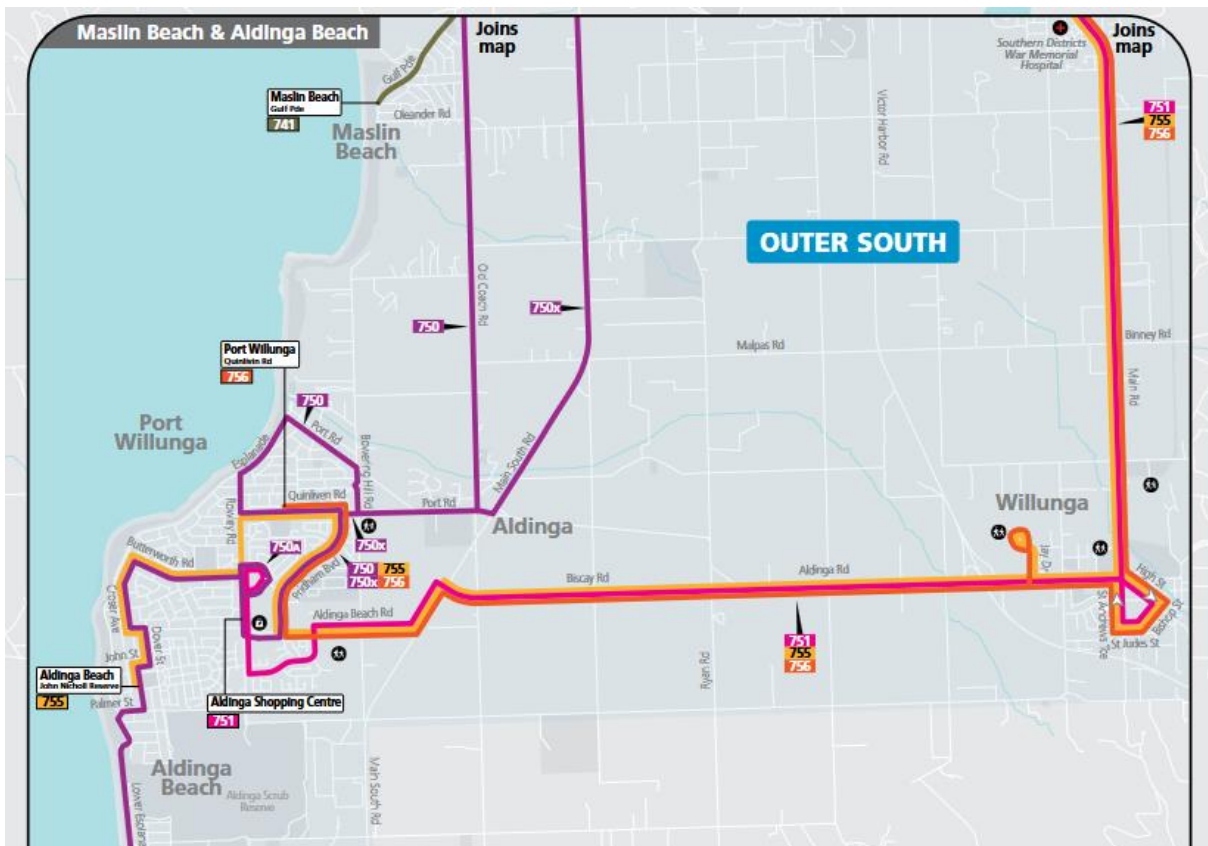
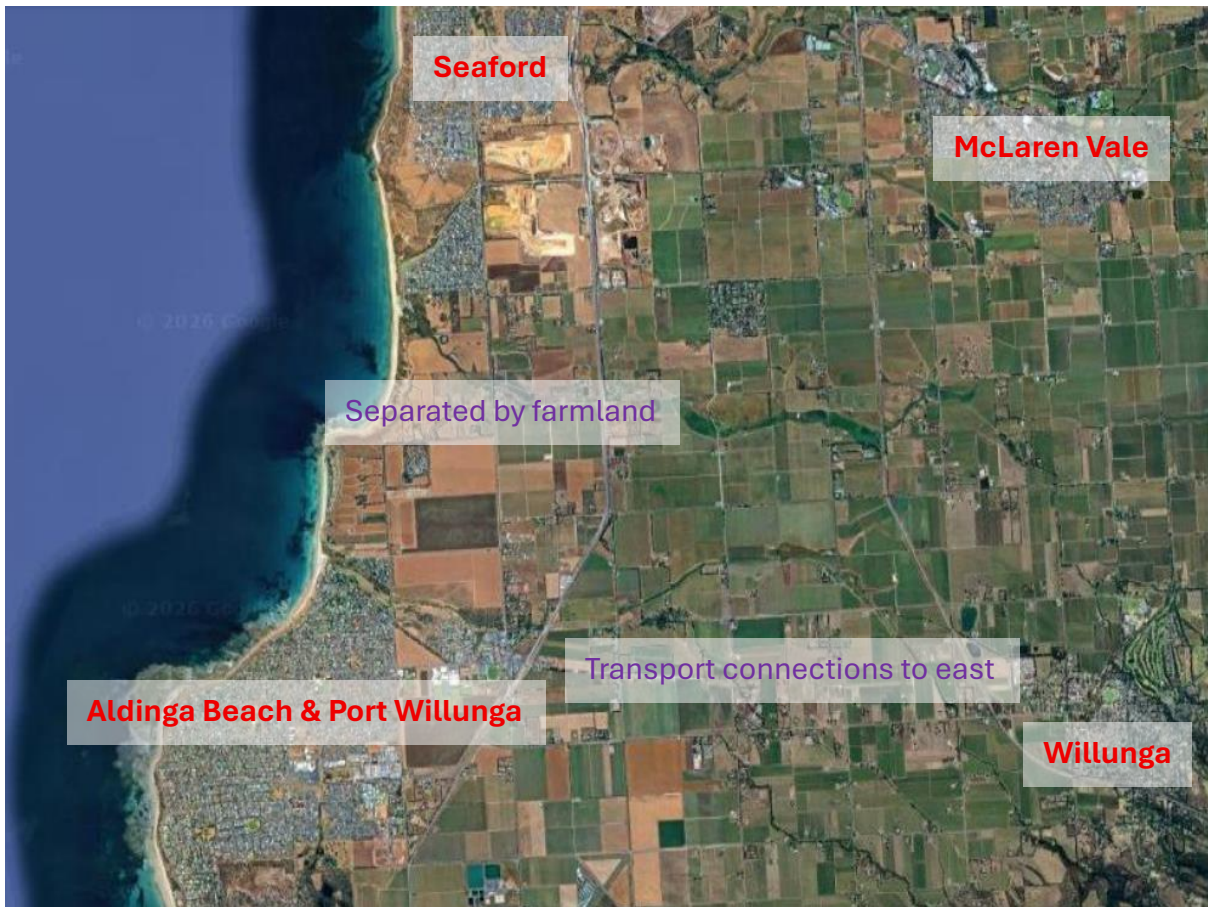
On the other hand, Aberfoyle Park and Chandlers Hill as well as Flagstaff Hill and Happy Valley have numerous bus routes connecting west towards the main body of **Kingston** as well as northward to the inner southern urban areas included in **Boothby**. There are no major roadways or even public transport connections eastward towards Mount Barker and the Adelaide Hills. These are not “regionally oriented localities” as described in the proposed redistribution report.

Furthermore, the removal of Aberfoyle Park and Chandlers Hill would leave the locality of Flagstaff Hill as an afterthought in **Kingston**, separated from the remainder of the division by the Happy Valley Reservoir.

This redistribution presents a golden opportunity to cleanly remove **Mayo**'s remaining footprint in the contiguous Adelaide urban area and to clearly define it as a division based upon the Adelaide Hills and the Fleurieu Peninsula. With the proposed and likely transfer of the balance of Mitcham Council to **Boothby**, only a small section of the locality of Coromandel Valley remains (and there is scope to transfer this to **Kingston** if the **Kingston-Mayo** swap is reverted).

While the Aldinga area would ideally be included in **Kingston**, it is sufficiently disconnected from Seaford and sufficiently connected to the inland components of Onkaparinga Council to justify its continued inclusion in **Mayo**. Certainly, it is not worth the removal of Aberfoyle Park which is significantly more urban in character, and which has no transport connections towards the Adelaide Hills.

The Aldinga Area – Limited connectivity to Seaford and remainder of Greater Adelaide



AN ALTERNATIVE FOR BARKER & O'DONOGHUE

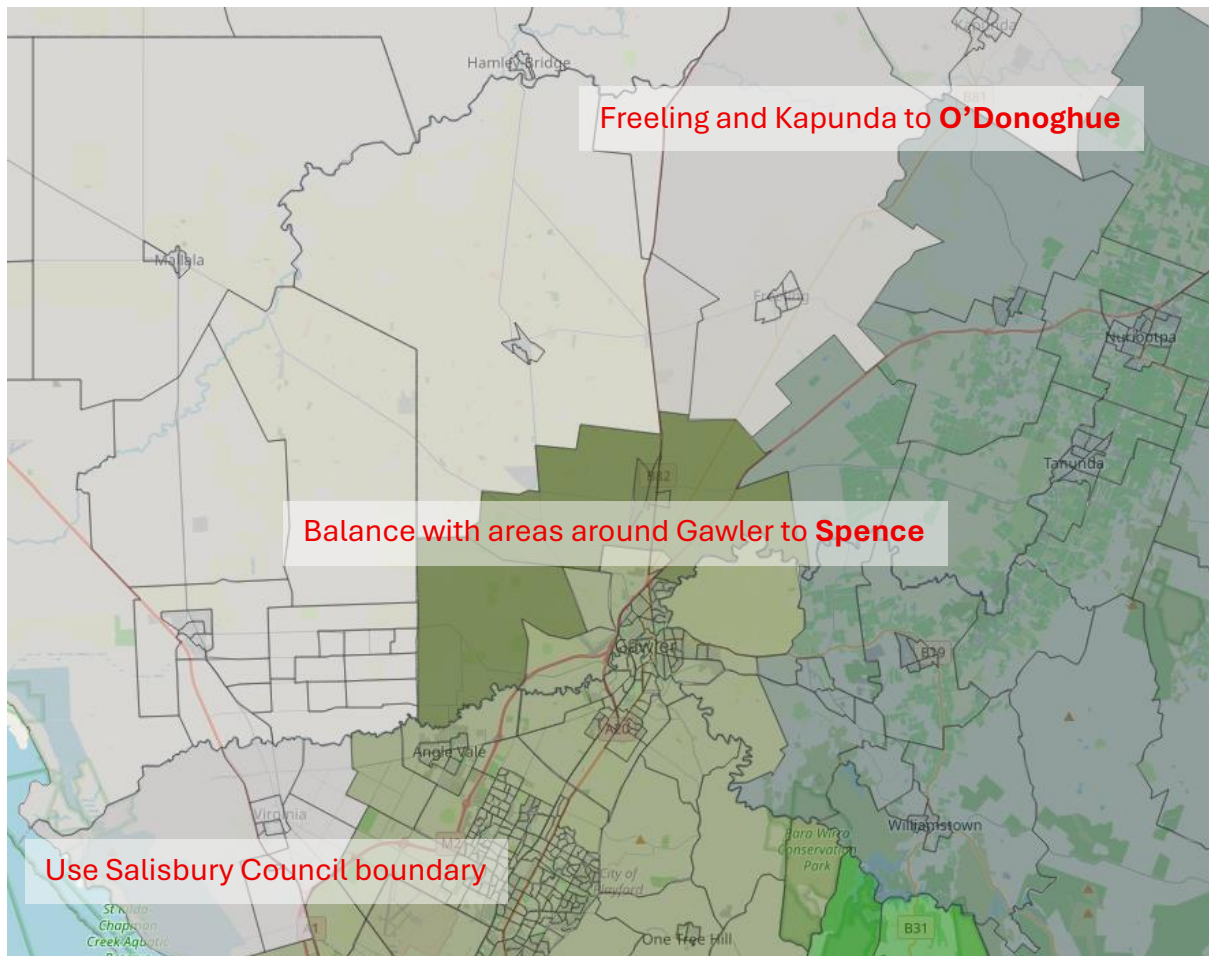
Rather than carving off minor parts of Alexandrina and Mount Barker Councils from **Mayo**, it is indeed possible to include the entirety of Strathalbyn and surrounds in **Barker**, reflecting its difference in landscape and community focus to the remainder of Alexandrina Council.

This would put **Barker** just over the enrolment tolerance, but it is possible to rectify this by transferring some or all of **Barker's** balance of Light Regional Council to **O'Donoghue**, particularly the townships of Freeling and Kapunda which are more oriented towards the northern communities in **O'Donoghue** and which are currently included together in the state district of Ngadjuri.

This may require the transfer of Maslin Beach from **Kingston** to **Mayo**, or the retention of some parts of Coromandel Valley transferred to **Boothby**.

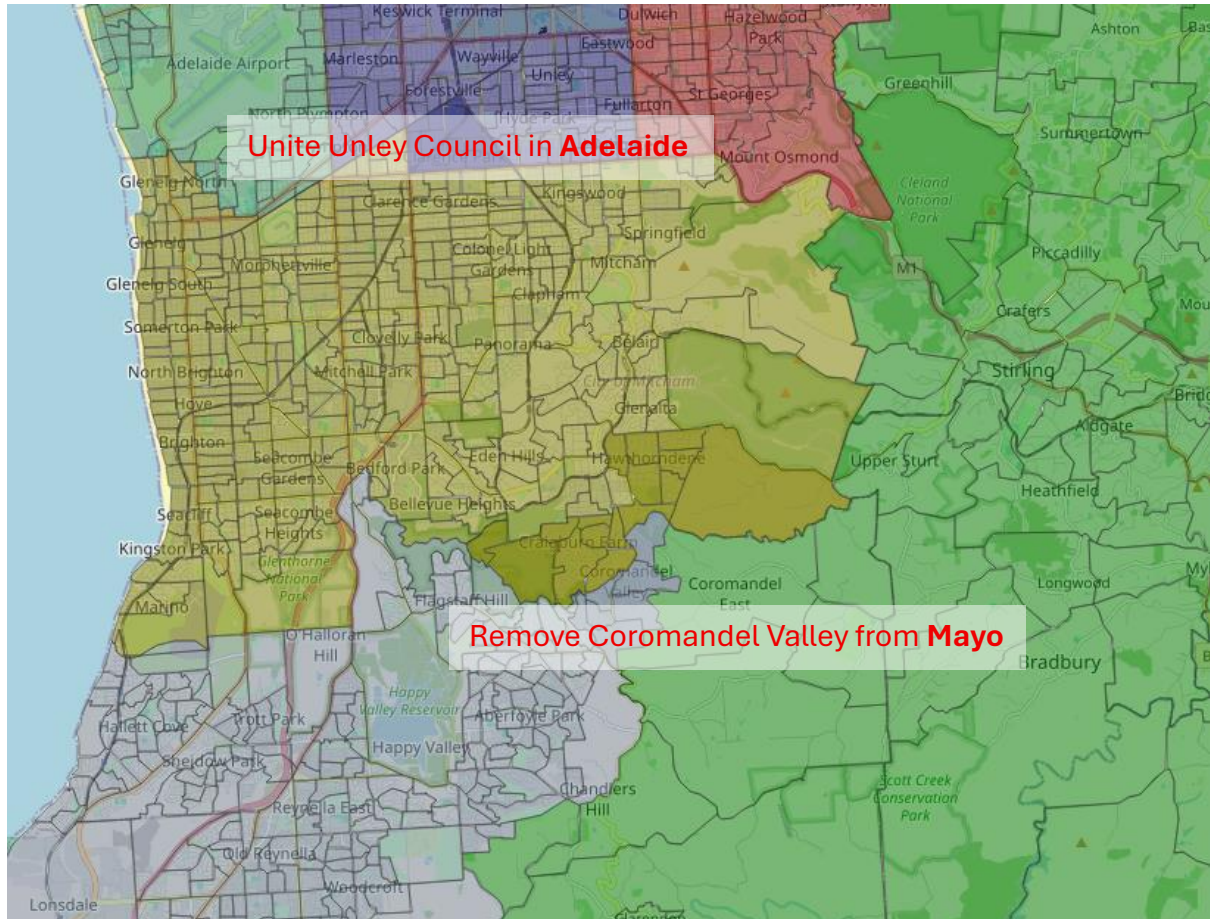
OTHER SUGGESTIONS – NORTHERN ADELAIDE

- For a stronger boundary, amend the new boundary between **O’Donoghue** and **Spence** to follow the local government boundary between Playford Council and Salisbury Council
- For a stronger boundary, transfer the localities of Gawler River and Ward Belt from **O’Donoghue** to **Spence**
- In conjunction with the changes to **Barker** proposed elsewhere, consider transferring the parts of Light Council along the Thiele Highway from **Barker** to **O’Donoghue**, namely Freeling and Kapunda, as per the state district boundary between Ngadjuri and Schubert



OTHER SUGGESTIONS – SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

- Transfer the balance of Unley Council from **Boothby** to **Adelaide**
- To remove all parts of Adelaide's contiguous urban area from **Mayo**, transfer the part of Coromandel Valley in Onkaparinga Council from **Mayo** to **Kingston**



OTHER SUGGESTIONS – BARKER & MAYO

- In conjunction with the changes to **O’Donoghue** proposed elsewhere, consider transferring all of Strathalbyn and surrounds to **Barker**
- If required, transfer Maslin Beach from **Kingston** to **Mayo** or retain Coromandel Valley in **Mayo**

