Submission S18

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To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

Thank you for receiving my submission for the 2025 South Australian Federal Redistribution.

The divisional map of South Australia does not need a large overhaul at this stage, as the current 10 divisions generally have strong and sensible boundaries. In fact, this redistribution presents an opportunity to produce a better alignment with local government area boundaries.

The adjacent divisions of **Barker** and **Mayo** both need changes, however I recommend that their current boundary be maintained while other options exist to address their elector numbers. Adelaide Hills Council should ideally remain completely in **Mayo** as it is very much part of Adelaide's peri-urban area. Additionally, **Barker** is already a very large division, and it is sufficient for it to take in the small remainder of Barossa Council at this point in time.

Conveniently, the surplus of electors in **Spence** can neatly address the shortfall in **Makin**.

Further south, **Mayo**'s surplus should be addressed by the removal of its outer-urban components around Coromandel Valley which have a stronger community of interest within **Boothby** and **Kingston**.

Some minor adjusts to improve the representation of Light Council and Unley Council are also available.

Following the 4 main suggestions outlined below would lead to a total transfer of 23,023 electors, or 1.76% of the total.

LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

- **A:** Transfer the balance of Barossa Council from **Spence** to **Barker**
- **B:** Transfer the area south of Little Para River from **Spence** to **Makin**
- **C:** Transfer the balance of Mitcham Council from **Mayo** to **Boothby**
- **D:** Transfer the remainder of Coromandel Valley from **Mayo** to **Kingston**
- **E:** (Optional) Transfer Gawler River and Ward Belt from **Grey** to **Spence**
- **F:** (Optional) Transfer the balance of Unley Council from **Boothby** to **Adelaide**

SUGGESTION A: Transfer the balance of Barossa Council from **Spence** to **Barker**

Barker needs to gain a small number of electors and given that **Grey** is already constrained, it must look towards **Mayo** or **Spence**.

One option is to begin to expand **Barker** into the northern part of Adelaide Hills Council, however this would split a council area that generally has a strong community of interest as a peri-urban part of Adelaide, rather than with border towns such as Renmark and Mount Gambier. The other option is to simply transfer the remainder of Barossa Council to **Barker** which would be enough to meet tolerance for this already geographically large division.

While this would bring **Barker** right to the edge of the Gawler urban area, this produces a legible boundary in alignment with suburb, local government and state electoral district boundaries, and ensures that both Barossa Council and Adelaide Hills Council remain united in a single division.

SUGGESTION B: Transfer the area south of Little Para River from **Spence** to **Makin**

Straightforwardly, the surplus of electors in **Spence** can be used to address the shortfall of electors in **Makin** through the transfer of the area south of Little Para River, which serves as a strong boundary, uniting more of the Salisbury area in **Makin**.

SUGGESTION C: Transfer the balance of Mitcham Council from **Mayo** to **Boothby**

and

SUGGESTION D: Transfer the remainder of Coromandel Valley from **Mayo** to **Kingston**

With **Mayo** needing to lose a number of electors, the most appropriate location for this to occur is where the division crosses into the outer-suburban localities of Coromandel Valley, Craigburn Farm and Hawthorndene, since the division in general consists of more rural and regional townships beyond the Adelaide Hills and along the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Boothby should take in the remainder of Mitcham Council, particularly Hawthorndene which has a strong community of interest with Blackwood. Uniting the whole council area in **Boothby** would also further align its southern boundary along the Sturt River.

The remaining part of Coromandel Valley in Onkaparinga Council should also be transferred out of **Mayo** but would be better paired with **Kingston** which contains the majority of this council area.

Both of these changes would help to boost the enrolment of slow growing **Boothby** and **Kingston** while removing **Mayo**'s overlap with the Adelaide urban area. Much of this proposed area was in **Boothby** prior to the last redistribution.

SUGGESTION E: (Optional) Transfer Gawler River and Ward Belt from **Grey** to **Spence**

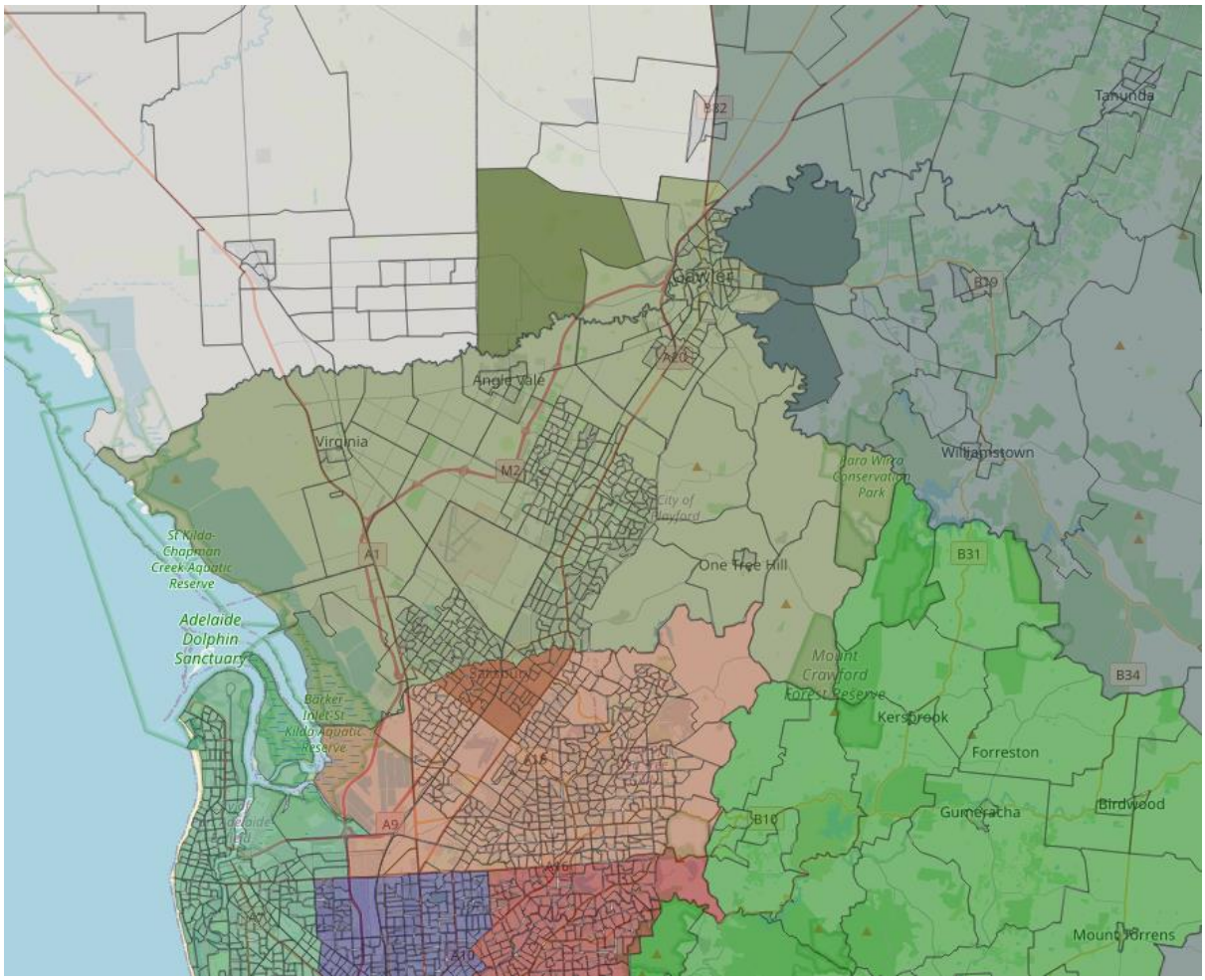
This would be a slight simplification of the boundaries in Light Council, following roads, local government and locality boundaries.

SUGGESTION F: (Optional) Transfer the balance of Unley Council from **Boothby** to **Adelaide**

Unley Council is currently split across 3 divisions, and with **Boothby** taking in the remainder of Mitcham Council, it presents an opportunity to improve boundaries in this area, following major roads instead of the current split of communities by rail lines.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR OUTER NORTHERN ADELAIDE

*The shortfall in **Barker** can be addressed by taking in the remainder of Barossa Council, while the boundary between **Spence** and **Makin** can be neatly aligned to the Little Para River.*



PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

Boothby *gains the balance of Mitcham Council and* ***Kingston*** *the remainder of Coromandel Valley from* ***Mayo*** *while Unley Council is better consolidated in* ***Adelaide****.*