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From: Hazel Douglas [REDACTED]
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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Keep the Seat of MAYO

To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

I write regarding the Federal Redistribution which is being undertaken by the Australian Federal Electoral Commission.

I am a constituent of the Federal Division of Mayo.

This submission to ask you to retain the Division of Mayo, as by amalgamating it with another Division would lose us representation of the particular issues and problems of the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island. The three areas are unique in South Australia and these issues would become blurred, unless represented within one Division.

Our three areas shared interests are entirely different from those of other Divisions, which include economic and regional issues.

We are a stronger, better represented Division when the three areas are designated together.

Our Mayo area has a high number of volunteers. I myself volunteer for 4 local organisations, which would not survive without the work that I and the other volunteers contribute. We have shared concerns and involvements and deep sense of community.

Having our representation combined with that of a city Division would not allow a true understanding of the rural industries within the three areas. We are geographically separate and should remain separately represented.

At the recent election, the results showed a vote for our current independent Federal Member, who has done a marvellous job. She is visibly working hard – I would not have been able to recognise our previous member but Ms Sharkie has already established herself as an accessible and involved MP. We don't want to lose her! .

We are different from the Metropolitan electorate. How is an MP covering city issues going to have knowledge of and time to spend in the electorate, appreciating what is important to people living a different way of life to those in high urban and suburban districts. Our current Member, having been approachable and on hand to listen to local issues (issues that would not arise in metropolitan areas), has achieved results, which have enormously benefited the community.

Please consider what I have written and keep the Division of Mayo as one of the ten electoral Divisions in South Australia . Yours faithfully, Hazel Douglas [REDACTED]

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