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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: redistribution of electoral boundaries

To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

I am a constituent of the Federal Division of Mayo SA. For the first time in many years of living in the Mayo electorate, we have received some attention. Since the last election (of Rebecca Sharkie) we now have a bus service to Adelaide that is specifically designed for the needs of those outside the metro area because, unlike metro electorates, we do not have appropriate medical services in the Fleurieu peninsula. We also hope to have things such as signs for the elderly crossing roads to stop speeding cars endangering the lives of many of us. These things are a matter of course for those living in the Metro area; however the lack of such facilities outside of Adelaide underlines the need for an electorate such as Mayo to ensure that we do not become an unrepresented minority that has been conveniently tacked on to a metro electorate... Country needs are different and illustrate the need to remember that it is not just a matter of numbers... sometimes we can be as different as chalk and cheese... I do not believe that the Division of Mayo should be abolished in this redistribution process. I plead that the committee responsible for managing the redistribution must consider that the electorate is not a metropolitan one and its constituents have needs that differ substantially from its metropolitan neighbors. In the past, we in Mayo have felt that we were forgotten by various sitting members; as was the principle of it being the duties of a sitting member to look after the needs and requirements of all who live in that area be acknowledged and attended to, equally without fear or favor... Whilst in the end it may come down to numbers, it is most important to acknowledge that the voters who live in Mayo have needs and requirements that differ substantially from those in the metropolitan area.

With these criteria in mind, I do NOT believe that the Division of Mayo should be abolished.

As a constituent of Mayo, I know that the collaboration between Federal and Local Government is incredibly important. Mayo includes the entirety of the Adelaide Hills Council, Mount Barker District Council, Alexandrina Council, Victor Harbor Council, The District Council of Yankalilla and the Kangaroo Island Council. To abolish Mayo and split these councils between two or three electorates would mean that my local community is not represented consistently.

In an economic sense, Mayo contains the vast majority of South

Australia's horticulture industry and seven distinct wine regions.

At the recent election, the results from the ballot boxes show a consistent vote for our current independent Federal Member. I believe this shows a want across the region for an independent voice in Federal Parliament,

I know that the AEC must attempt to make sure all of the remaining ten electorates have a similar population. But to be included within a metropolitan seat boundary would not meet our needs as the experiences of voters would be considerably different.

I do hope you will consider my submission, and that you will see fit to keep the Division of Mayo as one of the ten electoral divisions in South Australia.

Yours sincerely, susan Taylor

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