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**From:** Jannette Novice [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 November 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** FedRedistribution - SA  
**Subject:** SA Federal Redistribution

To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

I am deeply concerned about the consideration of the Federal Division of Mayo in the SA Federal Redistribution currently being undertaken by the Australian Electoral Commission.

I am a constituent of the Federal Division of Mayo.

I do not believe that the Division of Mayo should be abolished in this redistribution process.

Mayo covers a large area which includes many country communities with similar social and economic interests. The physical features of our areas and our community needs are alike. Therefore, I ask that the committee responsible for managing the redistribution seriously look into and consider these aspects.

With these criteria in mind, I do not believe that the Division of Mayo should be abolished. To include any areas of Mayo in any other Electorate would be detrimental to our communities' well-being.

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.

The community of Mayo has shared interests and passions. Mayo has the highest percentage of volunteers in Australia, which speaks to our shared community spirit. Many of us like to attend local country shows or gather to watch the local sporting teams play on the weekend.

In an economic sense, Mayo contains the vast majority of South Australia's horticulture industry, seven distinct wine regions, and is the most popular region for tourism. It is imperative that these important businesses in our community are represented by someone who understands the issues they are facing, rather than being represented by someone based in the metropolitan area.

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, and it would be disappointing if this voice was silenced due to the electorate being abolished.

I know that the AEC must attempt to make sure all of the remaining ten electorates have a similar population. However, they must take into consideration that Mayo currently has 3 fast growing communities in Mount Barker, Victor harbor and Strathalbyn. Mount Barker in particular currently has a population 34,000, but this is projected to increase to 55,000 by 2036. It would not be fair for an area of this size to be included within a metropolitan seat boundary, as the needs and experiences of the voters would be considerably different.

I 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, Jannette Novice [REDACTED]

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