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From: Peter Drew [Redacted]
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To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Keep the electorate of Mayo

To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

I write to make suggestions to the South Australian 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.

Fundamentally our electoral system was designed so that there was an elected representative to give a voice to the people of that electorate. This is the core to the concept of representative democracy.

The electorate of Mayo is composed of a diverse range of urban fringe, regional and rural areas. Our needs and opinions are clearly different from city electorates. Currently as an entity we have some level of representation for these different needs and views.

Despite our diversity our electorate has a sense of community that is very important. This sense of community comes from a feeling that whether you are a farmer at Inman Valley, a retiree in Victor Harbor or a hobby farmer in Mount Barker we are all struggling with not being in the city in a city centric world.

If the electorate is split into bits and tacked onto city dominated electorates this representation will be lost. The sense of community will be lost and our voices drowned out.

But it's not just a difference of opinion between ourselves and city electorates. The delivery of services like health care, transport and all forms of infrastructure is fundamentally different throughout all of Mayo than say an electorate like Boothby.

It is an unfortunate reality that both main political parties only focus on issues that will effect the outcome of an electorate as a whole at election time. Divided and tacked onto electorates with very different perspectives we have very little chance of attention within the political process.

Because of these reasons I hope you will see fit to keep the Division of Mayo as one of the ten electoral divisions in South Australia.

Yours sincerely, Peter Drew [Redacted]

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