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2017 South Australian Federal Redistribution Suggestion (Metropolitan boundaries)

Summary:

- Regional seats Barker, Grey and Mayo, brought up to quota by absorbing most of Wakefield's regional component. Exact boundaries between these three seats are not suggested in this submission.
- Wakefield subsequently absorbs all of Port Adelaide's share of the northern suburbs around Salisbury, as well as parts of Salisbury and Greenwith from Makin.
- Makin moves into Sturt's northern component, Paradise, Athelstone, Highbury and Dernancourt.
- Sturt moves South, now centred around Glenunga, and is brought up to quota from Boothby. It exchanges some suburbs with Adelaide.
- Kingston takes Flagstaff Hill and Aberfoyle Park from Boothby.
- On account of Port Adelaide, Boothby and Adelaide still requiring further electors, **Hindmarsh is subsequently abolished**. Port Adelaide takes in the areas as far south as West Beach and the edge of Adelaide Airport; Boothby takes Morphettville, Edwardstown, Plympton, Glenelg; Adelaide takes some territory around Richmond and some additional territory from Port Adelaide.
- Approximately 330,000 electors moved to a different division – difficult to reduce due to a seat abolition, yet it's still fewer people moved than state parliament's most recent redistribution.
- Possible grounds to change 'Port Adelaide' division name. Indigenous names should be prioritised in any name change.

Summary tables and maps are found below. If further clarity and detail are required, please find the attached spreadsheet, which list SA1 areas recommended to be transferred.

Table 1 - Elector movement (presented in thousands)

	2017 enrolment				2022 projection			
	Current	Gain	Lose	Final	Current	Gain	Lose	Final
Barker+Grey+Mayo	314.5	49.6	1.7	362.3	321.0	52.1	1.6	371.5
Adelaide	110.4	33.9	28.3	115.9	114.3	28.6	34.5	120.1
Boothby	107.9	49.7	40.7	116.9	109.8	51.0	40.7	120.1
Hindmarsh	112.5	ABOLISHED			114.7	ABOLISHED		
Kingston	107.6	14.6	0	122.3	110.8	14.4	0	125.2
Makin	107.6	25.4	11.4	121.7	109.3	25.8	11.8	123.3
Port Adelaide	115.2	51.1	46.6	119.7	119.2	51.9	49.4	121.7
Sturt	104.7	56.1	41.8	119.1	106.7	56.7	42.6	120.7
Wakefield	114.5	52.2	49.6	117.1	121.5	55.3	52.1	124.7

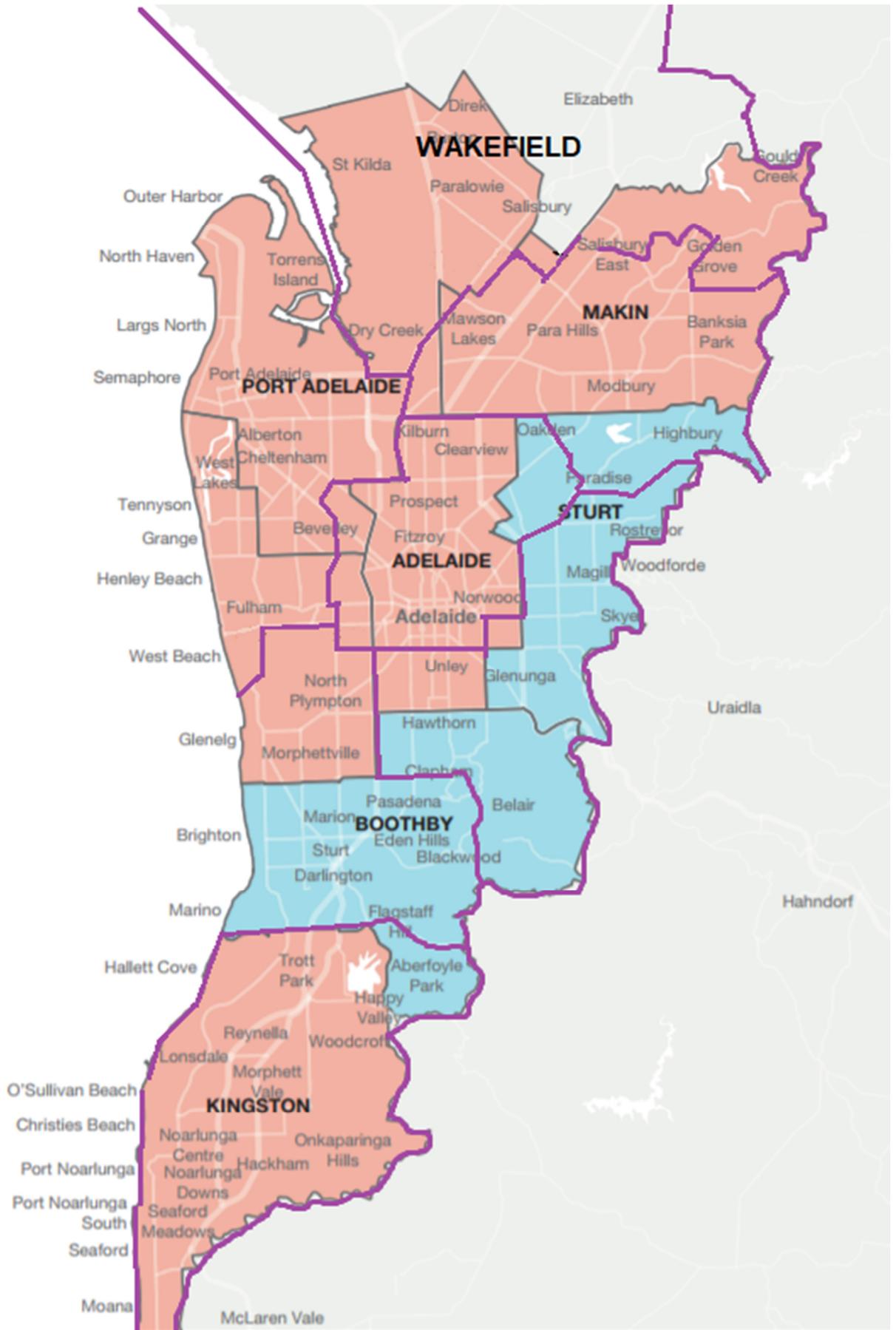


Figure 1 - Proposed map of division (Purple), Existing Divisions (Grey)

Approach:

Suggestions have been made based on analysis of the ABS's SA1 areas. For legibility, SA2 names are used throughout this section. A more detailed, succinct list of the proposed changes is found at the end of this section.

This suggestion makes significant to changes to many of the metropolitan divisions. With only 8 seats somewhat based in the metro area to begin with, removing one will lead to significant changes in any case. The Division of Adelaide being locked onto the CBD complicates things further – no matter which electorate is removed, they will all be drawn towards wherever the void is made, leading to massive shifts in electors. The number of electors being shifted wasn't treated as a paramount concern – this redistribution is likely to be the most significant in a generation, as South Australia's division entitlement is not projected to change for some time; it is important to complete this redistribution well.

The first question to be considered is how to delineate the boundary between metropolitan and regional electorates. The sum of the three wholly regional & rural electorates (Barker, Grey and Mayo) significantly falls below quota at both times of measurement, yet is not low enough to warrant an abolition. For this reason, the redistribution will need to transfer a large contingent of voters out from one the 8 existing metropolitan divisions. While reasonable cases could be made to transfer very small handfuls of electors from the fringes of Boothby, Sturt or Kingston, no sufficient number could be moved before violating the guideline of keeping communities of interest together. For this reason, it is suggested that a large chunk of Wakefield's regional component be moved. This would include; Clare, Gilbert Valley, Wakefield-Barunga West, Goyder, Light, Mallala, Lyndoch, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley-Angsaton, One Tree Hill (part), Lewiston-Two Wells and all of Gawler. It is regrettable that some of the communities, especially Gawler, would be divided from a metropolitan representative, however the quotas dictate no other choice – it is more desirable that these communities be moved, when compared with metropolitan communities in other electorates.

As mentioned in the opening summary – this proposal does not explore how to adjust the boundaries between these regional electorates, as the new boundaries should primarily reflect the submissions of local constituents.

Following this move, Wakefield would be in need of a significant population boost. The most suitable acquisition would be all of Port Adelaide's territory east of the Port Wakefield Highway. As it is, it seems an odd combination to have an electorate containing communities as distant and different as Salisbury and Woodville; this redistribution offers an opportunity to correct it. Territory around St Kilda and the coast has also been transferred, purely for the sake of reducing Port Adelaide's size. Makin is also required to lose territory to bring Wakefield up to quota. This is achieved through taking small parts of Salisbury (that are in Makin) and Greenwith.

The next division to consider is Makin, which is pushed South following Wakefield's acquisitions. The apparent choice for satisfying Makin is to move Highbury, Dernancourt, Hope Valley, such that they are united with other suburbs within the Tea Tree Gully council area. Regrettably, this still too shy of the quota to simply draw the new boundary along the River Torrens. Thus, further territory in Paradise and Athelstone should be transferred. The area bound by Gorge Road's northern edge, and Sudholz and Darley Road's eastern edge still provides a reasonably well-defined boundary for Makin, and these suburbs are not too dissimilar to be incapable of sharing the same representative.

Sturt should be considered following Makin's change boundaries. With the loss of territory to Makin in the North, simply moving Sturt into Boothby would leave it as somewhat of a 'bits and pieces' electorate: stretched between Oakden, Magill and somewhere like Pasadena. For this reason, it is suggested that Sturt, unconventionally, take some territory that has been with the Division of Adelaide for some time: Unley, Goodwood, Toorak Gardens. This defines Sturt as a division that represents Adelaide's inner South East. It also removes these suburbs from an electorate that is increasingly coloured by its northern communities. The stark disparity in demographics and, for example, house prices, makes a clear case for these suburbs to have a different representative.

In exchange for this move, Adelaide acquires some of Sturt's northern territory not acquired by Makin – Klemzig, Felixstow, Oakden. This is beneficial as these suburbs share similarities with other inner northern suburbs represented by Adelaide, while also reducing the sprawl of Sturt. The area to be transferred is defined as that north of Payneham and Lower North East Roads not already given to Makin.

Sturt also acquires Mitcham, Colonel Light Gardens, Belair and parts of Blackwood. This is largely in keeping its aforementioned south-eastern suburbs profile.

Before adjusting Boothby accordingly, Kingston may be re-designed quite simply. The suburbs of Flagstaff Hill and Aberfoyle Park (located south of Black Road) should be transferred. While previously, the Happy Valley Reservoir provided a reasonable delineation between communities, Boothby's eventual shift northward makes a case for these suburbs to be moved into Kingston. Additionally, some the territory in Happy Valley (north of Piggott Range Rd) belonging to Mayo may be moved, as it seems strange that it would be left out of Kingston or Boothby until now anyway.

As it stands, Boothby, Port Adelaide and Adelaide are all under quota, leaving the obvious remedy of abolishing Hindmarsh. Boothby is drawn to include Adelaide airport, reaching as far as Richmond Road to the airport's East, and the Patawalonga Creek to its South-West. Port Adelaide takes in the seaside suburbs, to meet Boothby's boundary at the Airport and the Creek. Its eastern boundary is determined according to Adelaide's residual needs. The boundary should be drawn along Marion and Holbrooks Roads. A slight tweak to the territory currently within Port Adelaide should be made to satisfy quotas – territory east of David Terrace and East Avenue should be moved to Adelaide.

Changes

Barker+Grey+Mayo

Lose: Happy Valley [from Mayo to Kingston]

Gain: Clare, Gilbert Valley, Wakefield-Barunga West, Goyder, Light, Mallala, Lyndoch, Nuriootpa, Barossa valley-Angsaton, One Tree Hill (part), Lewiston-Two Wells, Gawler North, Gawler South [from Wakefield]

Wakefield

Lose: Clare, Gilbert Valley, Wakefield-Barunga West, Goyder, Light, Mallala, Lyndoch, Nuriootpa, Barossa valley-Angsaton, One Tree Hill (part), Lewiston-Two Wells, Gawler North, Gawler South [to Barker+Grey+Mayo]

Gain: Parafield Gardens, Paralowie, Salisbury, Salisbury North, Virginia – Waterloo Corner, Dry Creek North & South, Pooraka [from Port Adelaide], Salisbury, Greenwith (part), Salisbury East (part), Golden Grove (part) [from Makin]

Makin

Lose: Salisbury, Greenwith (part), Salisbury East (part), Golden Grove (part) [to Wakefield]

Gain: Highbury-Dernancourt, Hope Valley-Modbury, Windsor Gardens (part), Northgate-Oakden-Gilles Plains (part), Paradise-Newton (part), Athelstone (part) [from Sturt], Enfield-Blair Athol [from Port Adelaide]

Sturt

Lose: Highbury-Dernancourt, Hope Valley-Modbury, Windsor Gardens (part), Northgate-Oakden-Gilles Plains (part), Paradise-Newton (part), Athelstone (part) [to Makin], Northgate-Oakden-Gilles Plains (part), Payneham-Felixstow (part), St Peters-Marden, Windsor Gardens (part), Paradise-Newton (part) [to Adelaide]

Gain: Goodwood-Millswood, Toorak Gardens, Unley-Parkside [from Adelaide], Colonel Light Gardens, Mitcham, Belair, Blackwood (part) [from Boothby]

Kingston

Lose: Nil

Gain: Happy Valley [from Mayo], Aberfoyle Park, Happy Valley, Happy Valley Reservoir, Flagstaff Hill (part) [from Boothby]

Boothby

Lose: Aberfoyle Park, Happy Valley, Happy Valley Reservoir, Flagstaff Hill (part) [to Kingston], Colonel Light Gardens, Mitcham, Belair, Blackwood (part) [to Sturt]

Gain: Edwardstown, Glenelg, Morphettville, Plympton, Adelaide, Aiport [from Hindmarsh]

Port Adelaide

Lose: Parafield Gardens, Paralowie, Salisbury, Salisbury North, Virginia – Waterloo Corner, Dry Creek North & South, Pooraka [from Port Adelaide], Enfield-Blair Athol [from Port Adelaide], Hindmarsh-Brompton [to Adelaide]

Gain: Fulham, Henley Beach, Lockleys (part), Seaton-Grange, West Beach, West Lakes, Flinders Park (part) [from Hindmarsh]

Adelaide

Lose: Goodwood-Millswood, Toorak Gardens, Unley-Parkside [to Sturt]

Gain: Northgate-Oakden-Gilles Plains (part), Payneham-Felixstow (part), St Peters-Marden, Windsor Gardens (part), Paradise-Newton (part) [from Sturt], Hindmarsh-Brompton [from Port Adelaide], Richmond, Hindmarsh-Brompton, Lockleys (part), Flinders Park (part) [from Hindmarsh]

Hindmarsh - ABOLISHED

Naming of divisions:

It is unfortunate that one of the early South Australian division names would be retired as a result of this suggestion, however the relatively high number of these names still existing makes avoiding this situation unnecessarily challenging.

Given that a number of electorates (Boothby, Port Adelaide, Sturt and Wakefield) have seen massive transfers under this suggestion (and presumably, under any suggestion) a case could be made for retiring one of their existing names (although in light of Hindmarsh's abolition, it's advised that original names Boothby and Wakefield should be spared this.) Port Adelaide especially is worthy of consideration, as the Port Adelaide region would lie at the very north of the electorate under this proposal, and is somewhat misleadingly named for an electorate that would cover a reasonable length of Adelaide's coastline.

No particular suggestion is made for a replacement. However, it is recommended that any resolution to change an electorate's name seek to consider an Indigenous origin word or person, as South Australia has never honoured one in its federal division names.