



Comment on objection 40

Liberal Party of Australia (SA Division)

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to lodge a comment to an Objection Submission on behalf of the Liberal Party of Australia (South Australian Division).

The comment relates to Objection 312 made by the Australian Labor Party (SA Branch).

Objection 312 has many inconsistencies throughout and does not adhere strictly to the elector constraints as set out in the Act. It is not the Liberal Party's intention to identify all irregularities in this comment letter, however, the party feels it is necessary to make comment on a couple of key areas of concern and opposition within the submission.

As previously stated in the Liberal Party's submission, the party supports the proposed abolition of the electorate of Port Adelaide and, broadly speaking, supports the proposed new boundaries set out for Grey, Barker, Mayo, Spence, Makin, Sturt, Adelaide and Hindmarsh. However, we proposed a number of suggestions to the proposed boundaries of Boothby, bordering the electorate of Adelaide, Mayo, Kingston and Hindmarsh.

As stated, it is our strong preference to retain the southern suburb of Flagstaff Hill in the Division of Boothby due to communities of interest and compiled a workable option for consideration.

The Liberal Party agrees with the proposal to include the coastal suburb of Glenelg in the Division of Boothby as it unites the Holdfast Bay Council. However the Party objects to the Objection 312 suggestion of Novar Gardens being located in the Division of Hindmarsh as this suburb shares communities of interest with Glenelg, Glenelg North, Glenelg East and Glenelg South.

Objection 312 is contradictory as it rightly recognizes a natural boundary formed by Adelaide Airport, but then proceeds to propose that the suburbs south of the Airport be included in Hindmarsh. The Liberal Party rejects this proposal as electors in Novar Gardens consider themselves part of the coastal community south of Adelaide Airport and treat Jetty Road, Glenelg as the local town centre for services, retail and entertainment. Electors here are members of community groups within the Holdfast Bay Council and many electors work within the Jetty Road precinct.

In addition, the Party is strongly of the view that Aldinga Beach and Sellicks Beach should remain within the Division of Kingston. This will ensure minimal change to the existing boundaries and

maintain necessary voter numbers in Kingston while restoring communities of interest as part of the southern Adelaide coastal suburbs.

In relation to the naming of electorates, the Liberal Party supports the change in name for the seat of Wakefield due to proposed change in boundaries for that seat. The Party supports the arguments put forward by the Committee for the choice of Spence as a sound electorate name and is strongly of the view it is best placed to replace the name Wakefield, and does not supporting any change to the name Sturt.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Commission's staff for their assistance to date.

Yours sincerely,



Sascha Meldrum

State Director