



Objection 303

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Dear Redistribution Commission,

Please find attached my objection to the draft boundaries proposed for the next Federal Election.

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

OBJECTION TO THE DRAFT DIVISION OF BOOTHBY BOUNDARY

I write to object to the parts of the draft boundary for the Division of Boothby proposed by the Redistribution Committee dated 6 April 2018.

The boundary proposal as it stands unnecessarily splits certain communities within the Mitcham Hills and my State Division of Waite and in doing so contravenes the requirement that the Committee gives due consideration to keeping communities of interest together.

I do understand that the Committee must ensure the Division of Mayo has a quota within 3.5 per cent and so the below objections provide some scope to accommodate that, but I submit that ideally the Mitcham Hills would remain within the one Federal Division.

The Committee's proposal to split the suburb of Craighburn Farm from Blackwood will remove Craighburn Farm from Boothby for the first time in decades and, crucially, will place the suburb into a Division whose electors have little in common with those in Craighburn Farm.

Electors in Craighburn Farm consider themselves part of suburban Adelaide in the same way as those in Blackwood. This relatively new development has a higher than usual density of housing than Mayo and consider Main Road, Blackwood to be their local town centre for retail, services and community activities.

Regardless of which Federal Division these suburbs are placed in, the Committee should not separate electors in Blackwood and Craighburn Farm.

Just as these suburbs have a natural affinity, so do the suburbs of Glenalta, Hawthorndene and Belair. The current proposal that would see these communities separated is unacceptable.

Hawthorndene, Glenalta and Belair share similar demographic profiles and lifestyles and are slightly more peri-urban than Blackwood and Craighburn Farm. While electors in these suburbs certainly consider Blackwood to be their town centre they are

As mentioned, ideally these suburbs would remain in the one Federal Division and I would implore the Committee to work towards that end. Should parts of the Mitcham Hills need to shift into Mayo, the Committee has chosen one of the most appropriate sections in Hawthorndene. However, I submit that it has erred in separating Hawthorndene from Glenalta and Belair.

Placing suburban parts of Adelaide into a rural electorate may be necessary, but this should not be done in a piecemeal manner. These draft boundaries will split communities of interest and lead to poor representation of these electors.

I would urge the Committee to reconsider its approach to incorporating parts of the Mitcham Hills into the Division of Mayo per my above objections.

Yours Sincerely,



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