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From: Tiffany Shutes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 November 2017 4:23 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: Please keep Mayo as it is!

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 live in the Federal Division of Mayo.

I believe that the Division of Mayo should be kept.

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 and make difficulties for community events and organizations.

The community of Mayo has many 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. I personally enjoy visiting my local farmers market which contains produce from all over the Mayo community.

Mayo contains the vast majority of South Australia's horticulture industry and seven distinct wine regions. These are very important to South Australia. I believe it is better 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. Farming and local businesses are very important to the state, if these businesses are not properly represented it could spell disaster for our states economy.

There are distinct physical features that define Mayo from the metropolitan electorates and the rural electorate of Barker, including the Hills Face Zone, the Onkaparinga River and the Lower Lakes.

The Hills Face Zone is a large planning zone in South Australia that restricts development in the Adelaide Foothills and Mount Lofty Ranges. As a result of this zone, there is an effective barrier between metropolitan Adelaide and the communities of the Adelaide Hills. It does not make sense for these two distinct areas to be represented by a metropolitan based electorate.

Mayo have a long history of locally based representatives who live in the community and can even be seen out and about shopping or at small local events. I have lived in the hills since I was a kid and remember vividly the time Alaxander Downer (our local MP at the time,) attended a small art exhibition in Summertown. There was no prior announcement about him being there and no 'political show,' he was just there enjoying a local event. Our current representative Rebekha Sharkie is very active in the community and will be attending our little Farmers Market on the 25th of November for the second time this year. If Mayo is split up I highly doubt that a city representative would be able to make the time to attend and listen to our concerns.

Mayo is an amazing place to live with a great community please keep Mayo as it is.

Most sincerely, Tiffany Shutes [REDACTED]

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