



Comment on objection 8

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From: Neil McNish [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2018 2:27 PM
To: FedRedistribution - SA
Subject: We want to stay in Boothby!

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The suburbs of Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are currently in the federal electorate of Boothby. That's where we want them to stay.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are part of the Mitcham Hills and have their strongest links with the Blackwood area. Residents here have much less in common with Mount Barker, the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, which form the heart of the electorate of Mayo.

Craighburn Farm is also known as Blackwood Park and it is very much part of the Adelaide metropolitan area rather than the Adelaide Hills which form part of the Mayo electorate. Our concerns and issues are metropolitan not rural and to suggest being part of the Mayo electorate is completely illogical.

In our area we share much more community, retail and transport infrastructure with the rest of Boothby than we do with residents in the federal electorate of Mayo.

Most residents in our area will use Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University located at Bedford Park in the heart of Boothby at some point in their lives, and many work at these centres. These community of interest, travel, economic and social factors should be given much more weight by the Electoral Commission.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are densely populated suburbs in greater metropolitan Adelaide. We want to retain access to our locally based Federal Member of Parliament in Boothby, rather than a Federal MP in Mount Barker.

I object to the Commission's draft boundaries that will see our area moved out of Boothby for the first time in 84 years.

Yours sincerely, Neil McNish [Redacted]

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