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This submission is a conceptual analysis of, and comment on, the submissions made regarding the forthcoming SA Federal Redistribution.

Overview

This SA Redistribution requires the AEC to abolish one of the current 11 SA seats, as well as ensuring the remaining seats meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.

The last occasion that the AEC had to abolish a seat was for NSW in 2014.

In NSW in 2014, the AEC adopted a reasoned methodology to enable the identification of the seat to be abolished, and to be able to concurrently meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.

As a general comment, none of the submissions made appear to have identified, let alone applied, the same methodology to the SA Redistribution that was formulated and used by the AEC for the NSW redistribution in 2014.

It is my assertion that a properly conducted SA Redistribution will use the rational underpinnings previously established and applied in NSW in 2014.

This commentary not only asserts that no submission has adequately considered the precepts set out in NSW in 2014, but it also includes a notional Redistribution for SA done in accordance with those precepts, with commentary as required.

Redistribution precepts, NSW 2014 Redistribution.

Reference is made to the report available at

<http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2014/nsw/proposed-report/summary.htm>

The Redistribution Committee in this instance applied the following principles when considering new boundaries (para 61 <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2014/nsw/proposed-report/chapter-two.htm>):

1. proposed electoral boundaries should not cross the major geographic features of the Great Dividing Range, the Hawkesbury River and Sydney Harbour,
2. communities of interest represented by LGAs and localities are kept together, particularly in rural areas,
3. strong and readily identifiable features such as major roads, railway lines and waterways are used to define electoral division boundaries, and
4. the maximum numbers of electors are retained in their current electoral division

As a consequence, the NSW Redistribution Committee adopted the following methodology, which in my view should be applied here in SA. (Refer para 64 and 70):

1. *“... the Committee reasoned that a **strategy of supplementation** from those six metropolitan electoral divisions with projected enrolment above the permissible 3.5 per cent tolerance, combined with the required abolition of an electoral division, would bring all proposed electoral divisions within the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.*
2. *The Committee also acknowledged that **defining electoral boundaries must start in locations adjacent to the state’s boundaries** or one of the other significant geographical features identified above.*

The location of the electoral division to be abolished would be determined by the application of this strategy...

Conceptual SA Redistribution

The following conceptual Redistribution for SA has been conducted on the basis of the highlighted methodology (above):

1. The strategy of supplementation
2. Defining boundaries commencing from the state boundaries and working inwards.

As a consequence, the seat of Makin should be abolished if the methodology applied in NSW were to be used here in SA.

A table follows with summary of current and proposed quota, along with a Seat Commentary, followed by maps for each seat.

Whole-SA1 ANALYSIS CONDUCTED USING Federal Boundaries and 2016 Federal Campaign Polling Data.

	ELECTORATE	Current Enrolments (as at 4 September 2017) ¹		Projected Enrolments (as at 20 January 2022) ²	
		1,195,031	QUOTA Var (OK +/- 10%)	1,227,310	QUOTA Var (OK +/- 3.5%)
		119,503	0.00%	122,731	0.00%
1	Adelaide - Current	110,351	✓ -7.7%	114,268	✗ -6.9%
2	Adelaide - Proposed	121,709	✓ 1.8%	125,960	✓ 2.6%
3					
4	Barker - Current	106,009	✗ -11.3%	108,383	✗ -11.7%
5	Barker - Proposed	116,926	✓ -2.2%	120,023	✓ -2.2%
6					
7	Boothby - Current	107,939	✓ -9.7%	109,835	✗ -10.5%
8	Boothby - Proposed	122,164	✓ 2.2%	124,012	✓ 1.0%
9					
10	Grey - Current	102,264	✗ -14.4%	102,612	✗ -16.4%
11	Grey - Proposed	118,816	✓ -0.6%	119,456	✓ -2.7%
12					
13	Hindmarsh -Current	112,511	✓ -5.9%	114,716	✗ -6.5%
14	Hindmarsh -Proposed	118,544	✓ -0.8%	121,477	✓ -1.0%
16					
17	Kingston -Current	107,643	✓ -9.9%	110,793	✗ -9.7%
18	Kingston -Proposed	119,051	✓ -0.4%	122,306	✓ -0.3%
19					
20	Makin -Current	107,636	✓ -9.9%	109,253	✗ -11.0%
21	Makin -Proposed	————	✗ -100.0%	————	✗ -100.0%
22					
23	Mayo - Current	106,191	✗ -11.1%	110,072	✗ -10.3%
24	Mayo -Proposed	118,815	✓ -0.6%	124,580	✓ 1.5%
25					
26	Port Adelaide - Current	115,227	✓ -3.6%	119,176	✓ -2.9%
27	Port Adelaide -Proposed	114,393	✓ -4.3%	118,740	✓ -3.3%
28					
29	Sturt- Current	104,727	✗ -12.4%	106,669	✗ -13.1%
30	Sturt - Proposed	123,407	✓ 3.3%	125,406	✓ 2.2%
31					
32	Wakefield- Current	114,533	✓ -4.2%	121,533	✓ -1.0%
33	Wakefield - Proposed	121,206	✓ 1.4%	125,350	✓ 2.1%
34					
	QUOTAS -Current	1,195,031	10.00	1,227,310	10.00
	QUOTAS -Proposed*	1,195,031	10.00	1,227,310	10.00

*NB use of whole SA1 areas only - no split

¹ "Current" figures from

<http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2017/sa/enrolment-quota.htm>

² "Proposed" figures from aggregation of whole SA1 data into proposed maps.

<http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2017/sa/enrolment-projections.htm>

Seat Commentary:

Mayo

- The proposal would see Mayo lose McLaren Vale and Willunga and environs to Kingston. Importantly these areas have been part of Kingston in the past – there is precedent and community of interest.
- Rather than supplementing from suburban Adelaide, the approach has been instead to add Gawler and environs to Mayo.
- Adding Gawler is in keeping with Mayo’s status as a rural seat, which has always been the contention in past submissions. See page 5 of [http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2011/sa/files/sa008-bev-barber-state-director-liberal-party-of-australia-\(sa-division\).pdf](http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2011/sa/files/sa008-bev-barber-state-director-liberal-party-of-australia-(sa-division).pdf), which advocates removal of Happy Valley and Aberfoyle Park from Mayo, given they are suburban, and the seat is rural.

Kingston

- As outlined above, the proposed supplemental area suggested in the maps below (Willunga, McLaren Vale etc) incorporates locales which were previously part of Kingston until the 2011 Redistribution.

Boothby

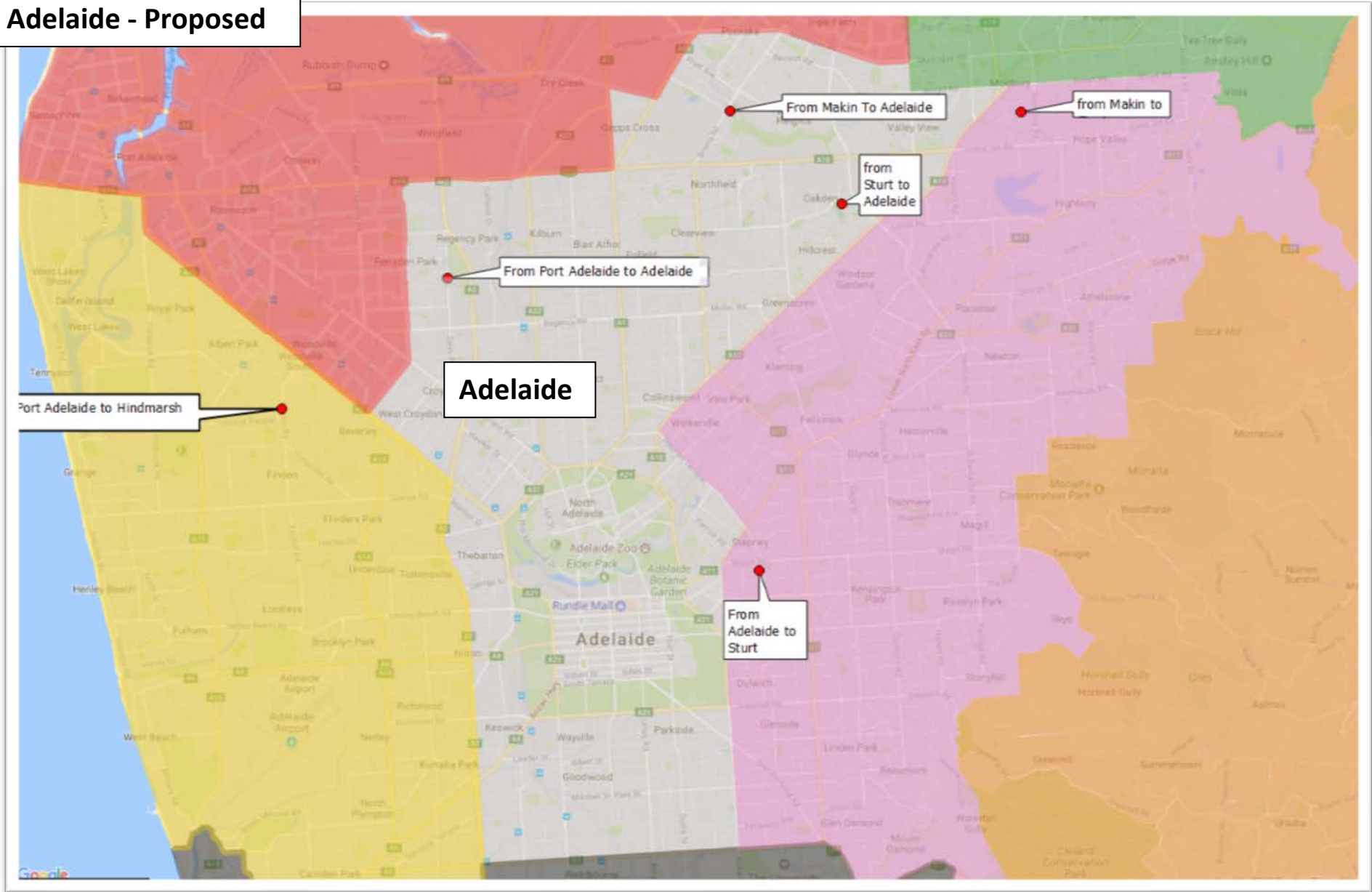
- As outlined above, the southern area (Happy Valley and Aberfoyle Park) were previously removed from Mayo and appended to Boothby in 2011.
- The contention that these areas should be in Boothby was bi-partisan, and still appears self-evident. Refer page 11 of [http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2011/sa/files/sa008-bev-barber-state-director-liberal-party-of-australia-\(sa-division\).pdf](http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2011/sa/files/sa008-bev-barber-state-director-liberal-party-of-australia-(sa-division).pdf), which outlines this.
- The proposal for this seat is to simply add the remainder of the Holdfast Bay LGA area which is not already in the seat. This easily satisfies Community of Interest and numerical requirements, and to that end a map showing the LGA boundaries has also been supplied.

General

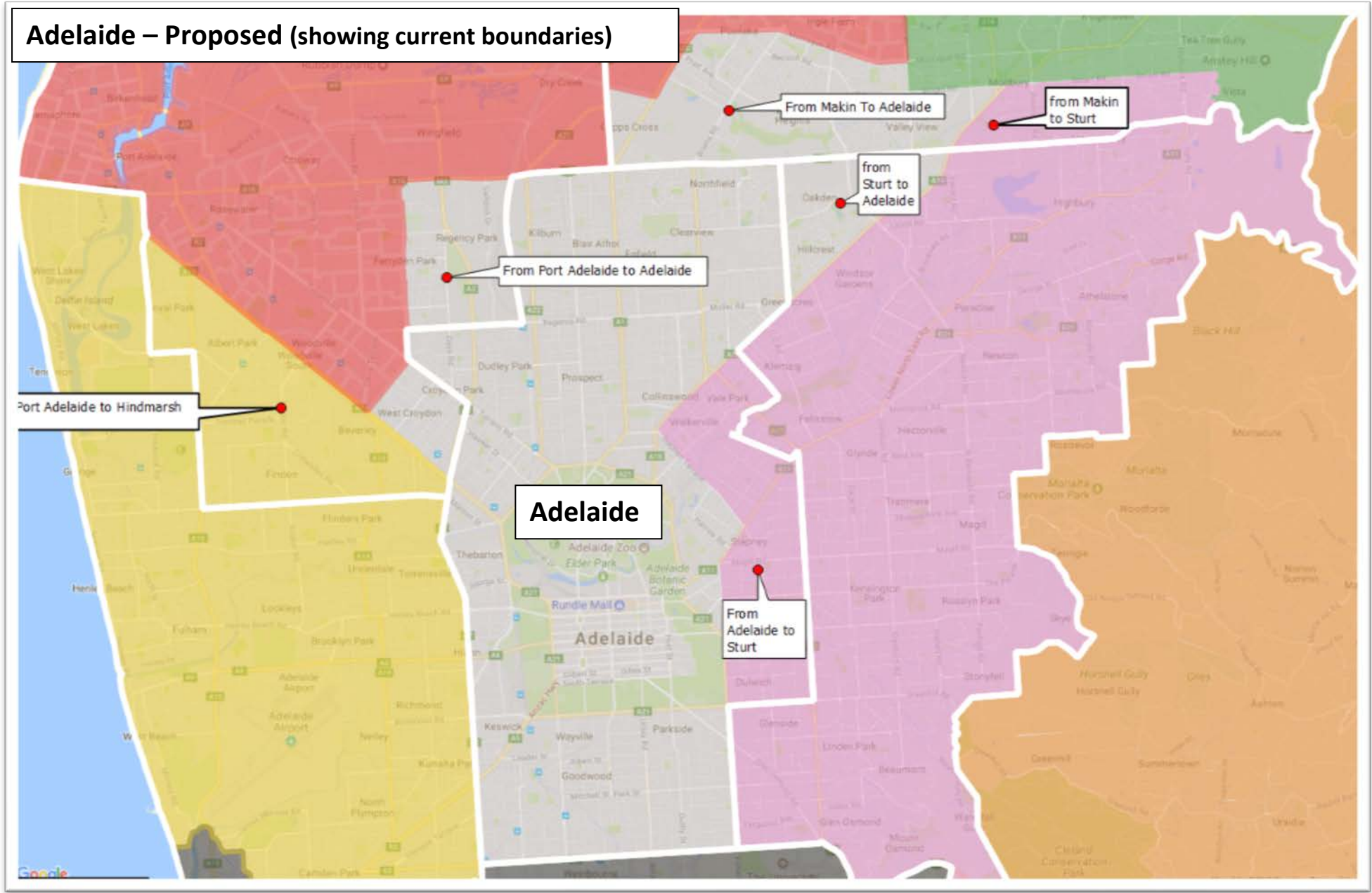
- All proposed boundaries use a clear local landmark, for example a road or LGA boundary.
- All proposed seats have been constructed on the “supplemental” approach
- Growth corridors have been allowed for, with Port Adelaide and Kingston with comparatively lower electors and capacity to grow over time.
- All seats have been constructed using whole SA1 datasets. No attempt has been made to split those SA1’s which straddle current boundaries. All SA1 areas have been allocated in their totality to an individual seat.

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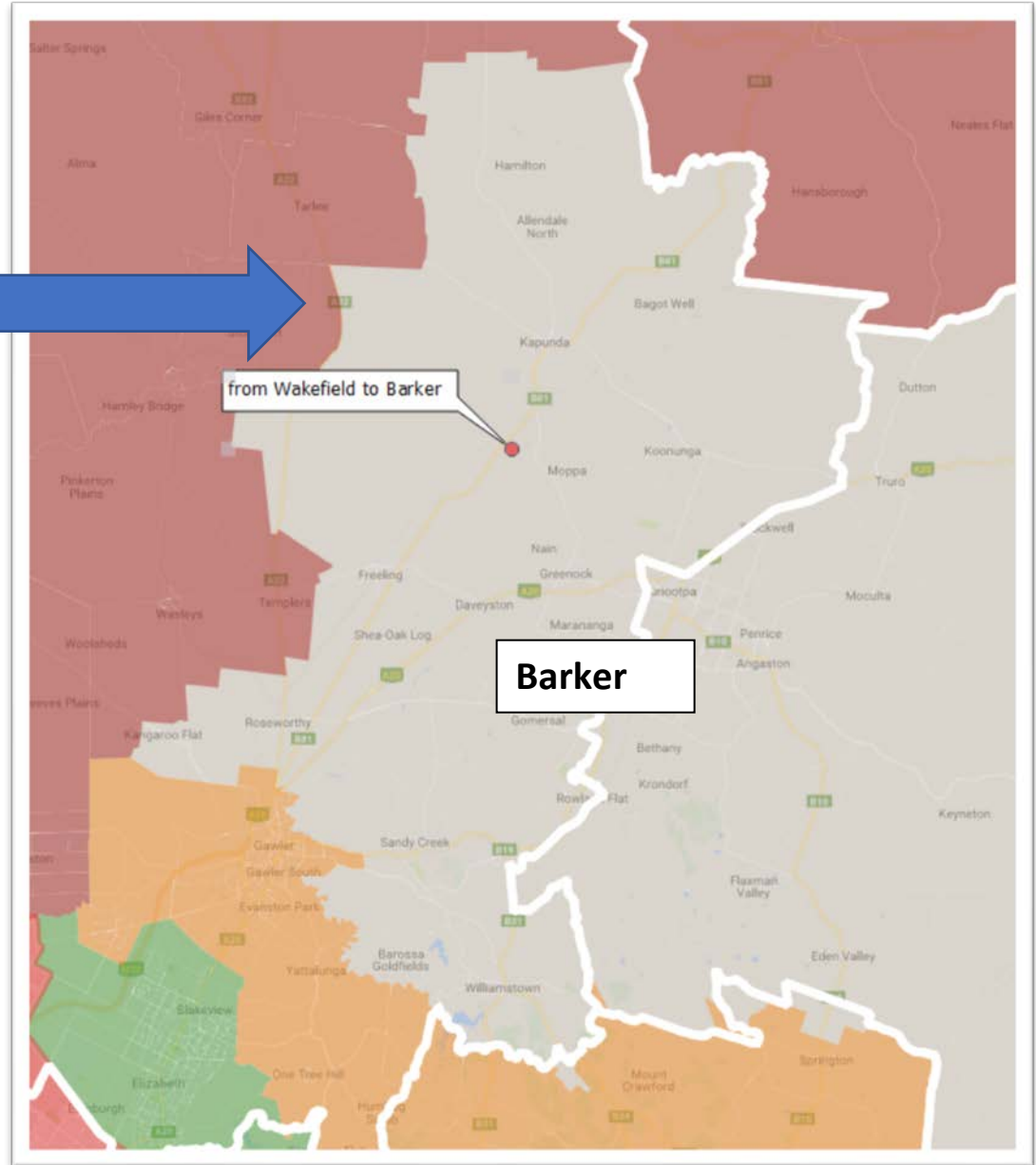
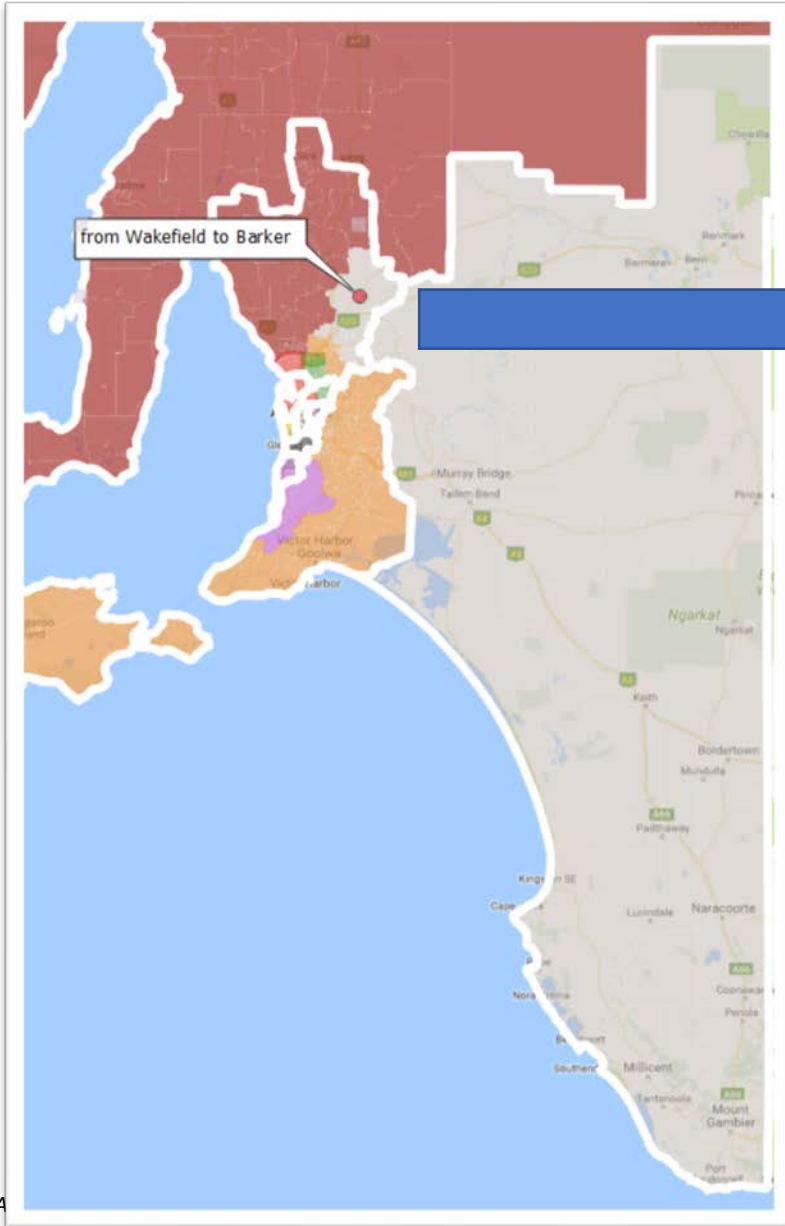
Adelaide - Proposed



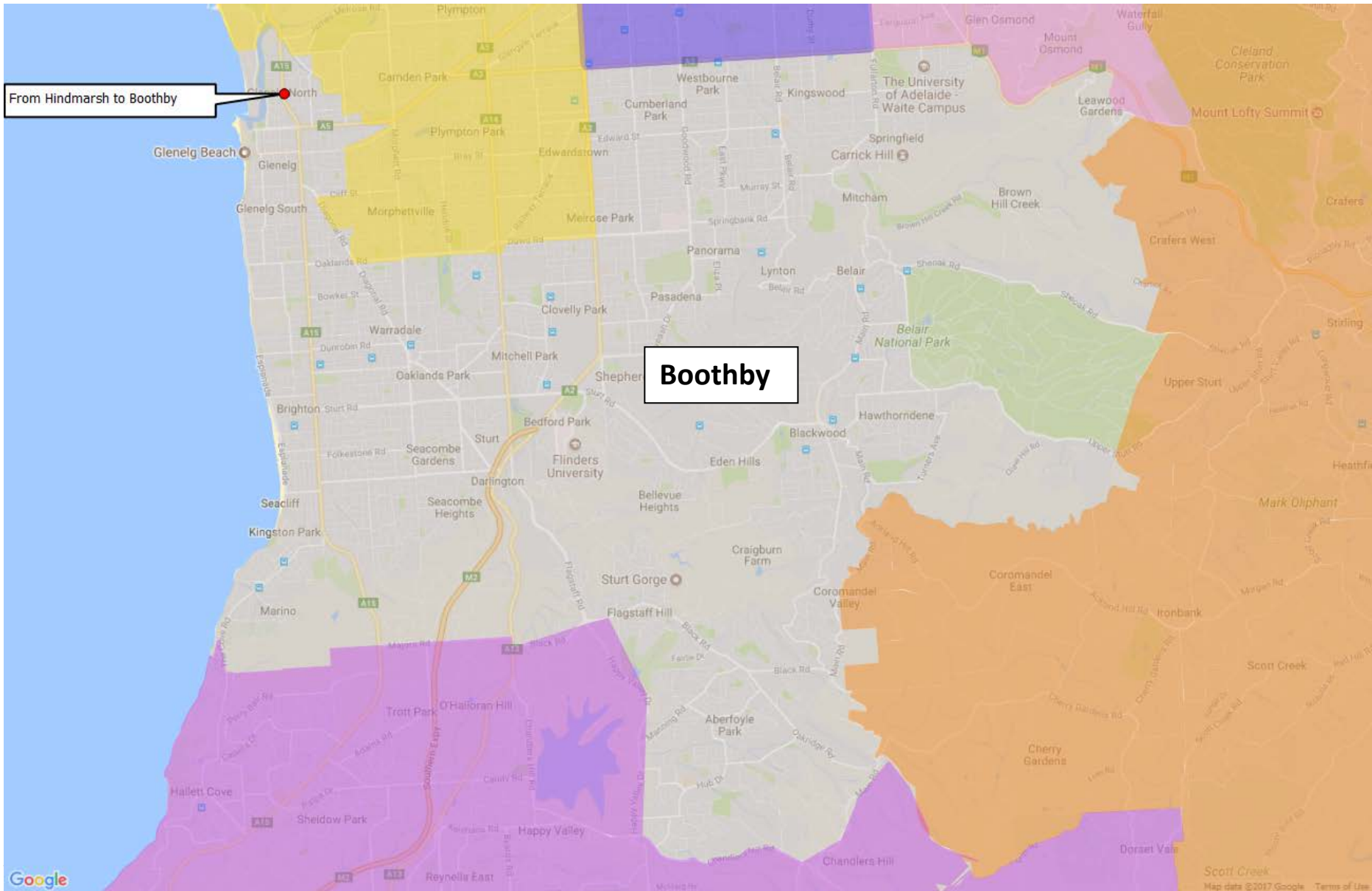
Adelaide – Proposed (showing current boundaries)



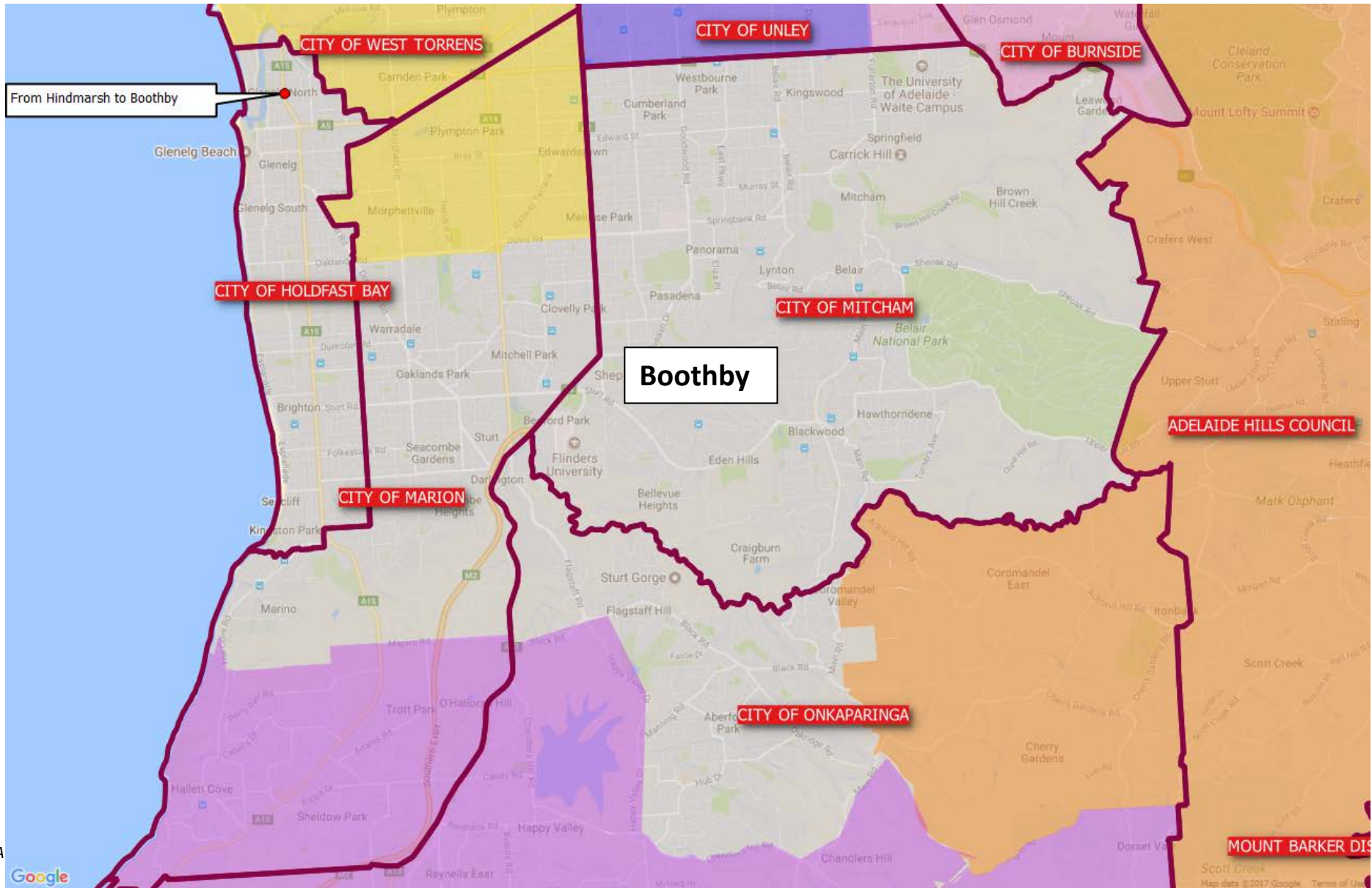
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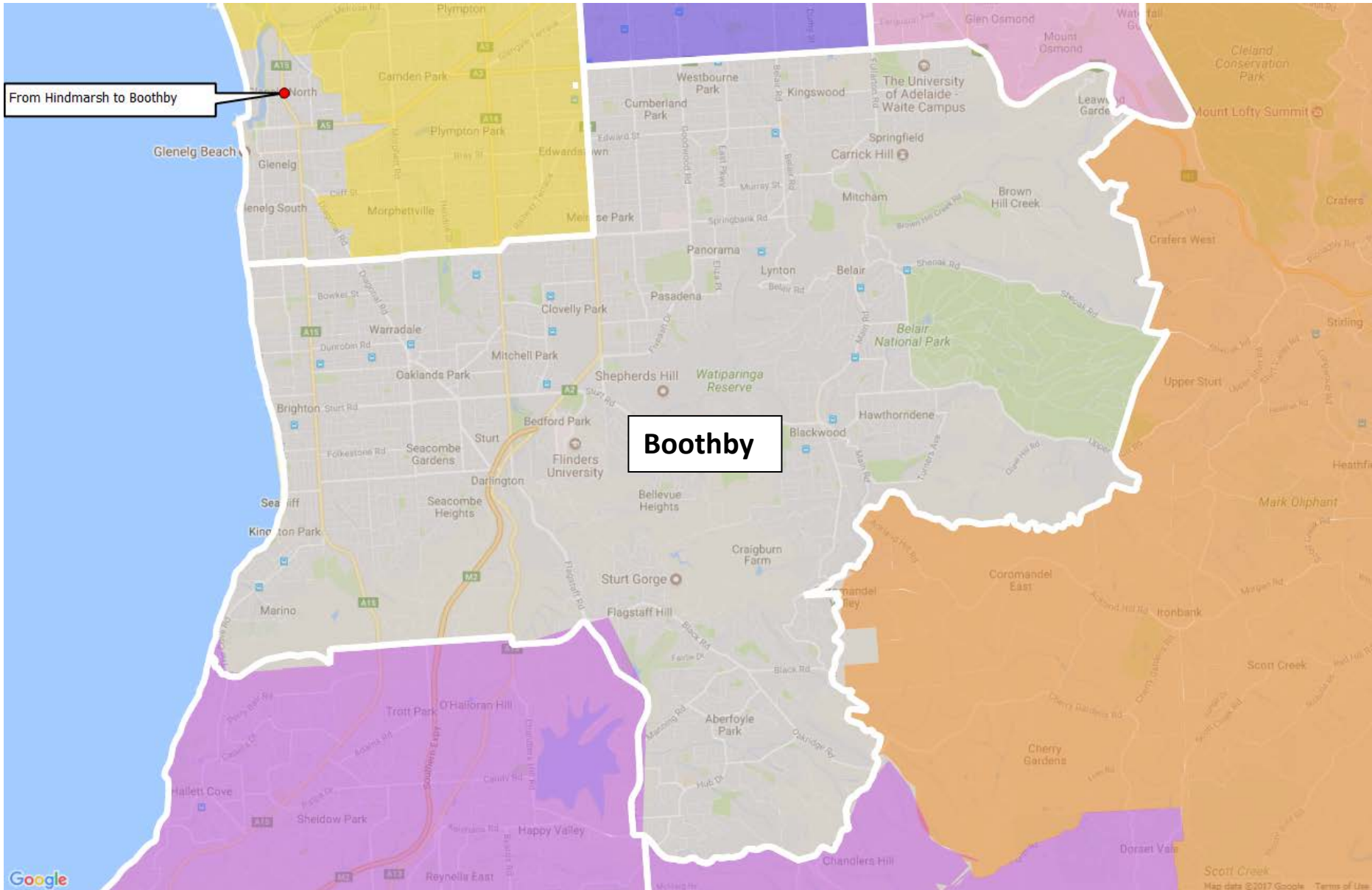
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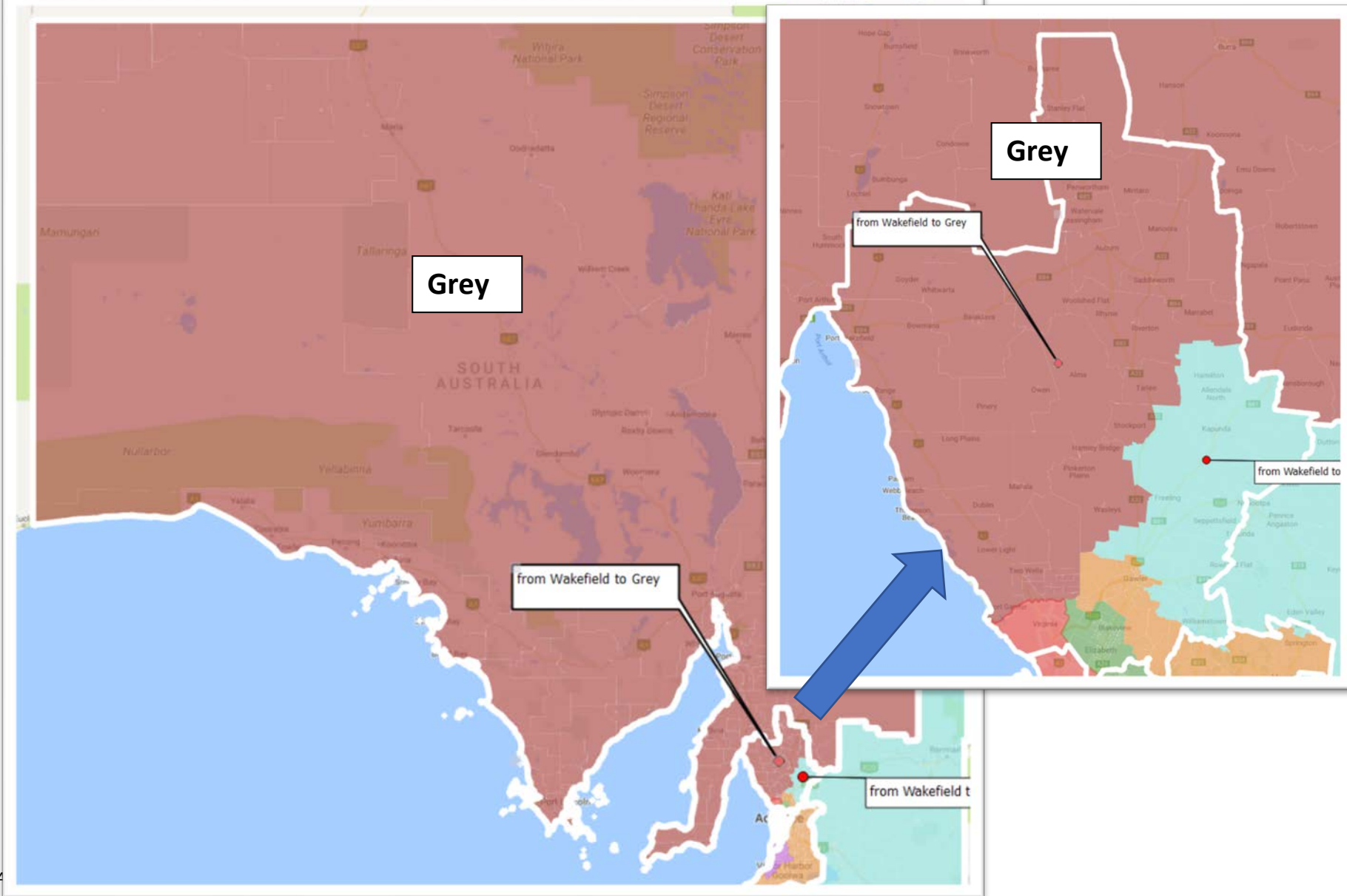
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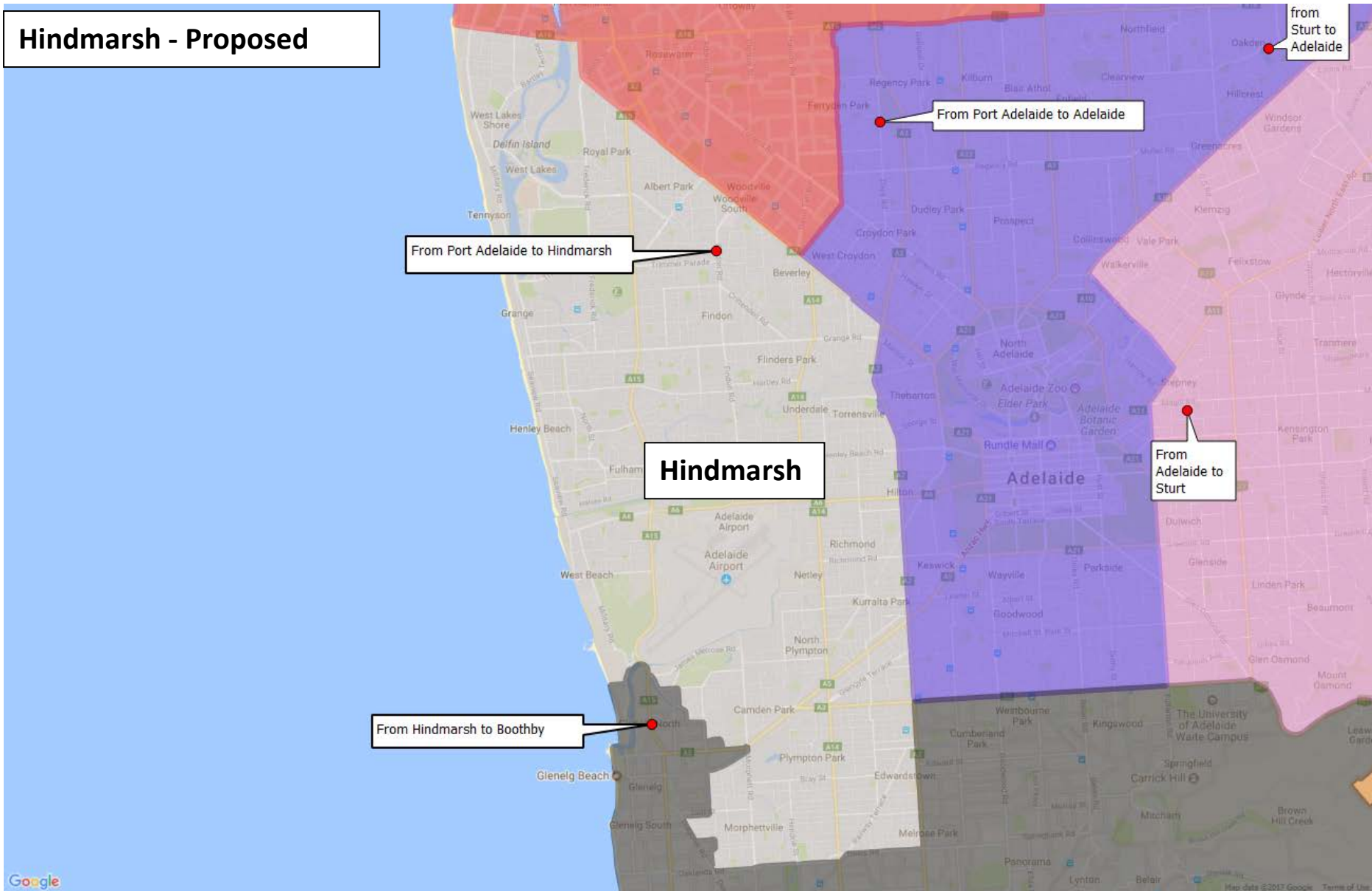
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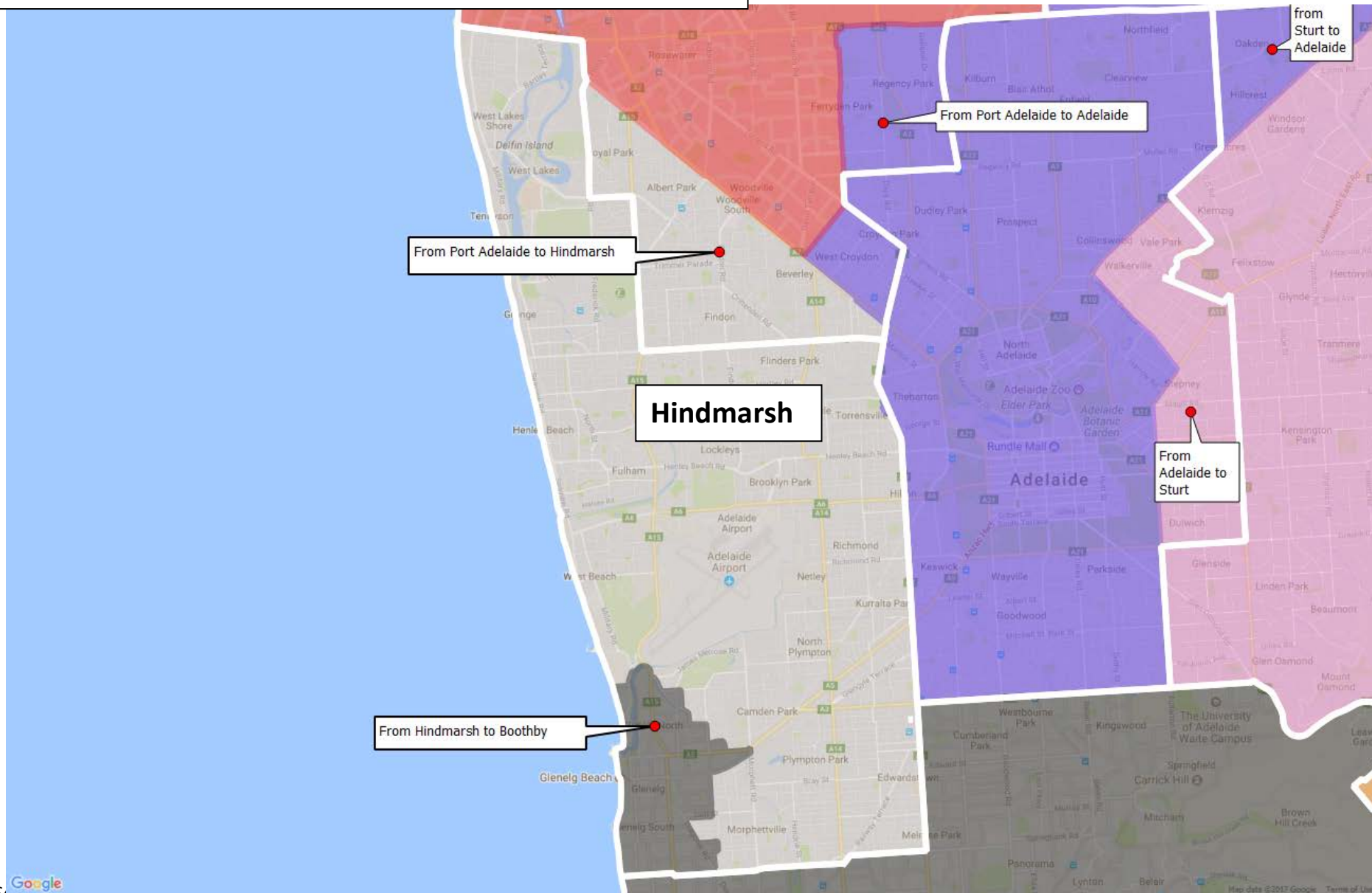
Grey – Proposed (showing current boundaries)



Hindmarsh - Proposed



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Hindmarsh

From Port Adelaide to Adelaide

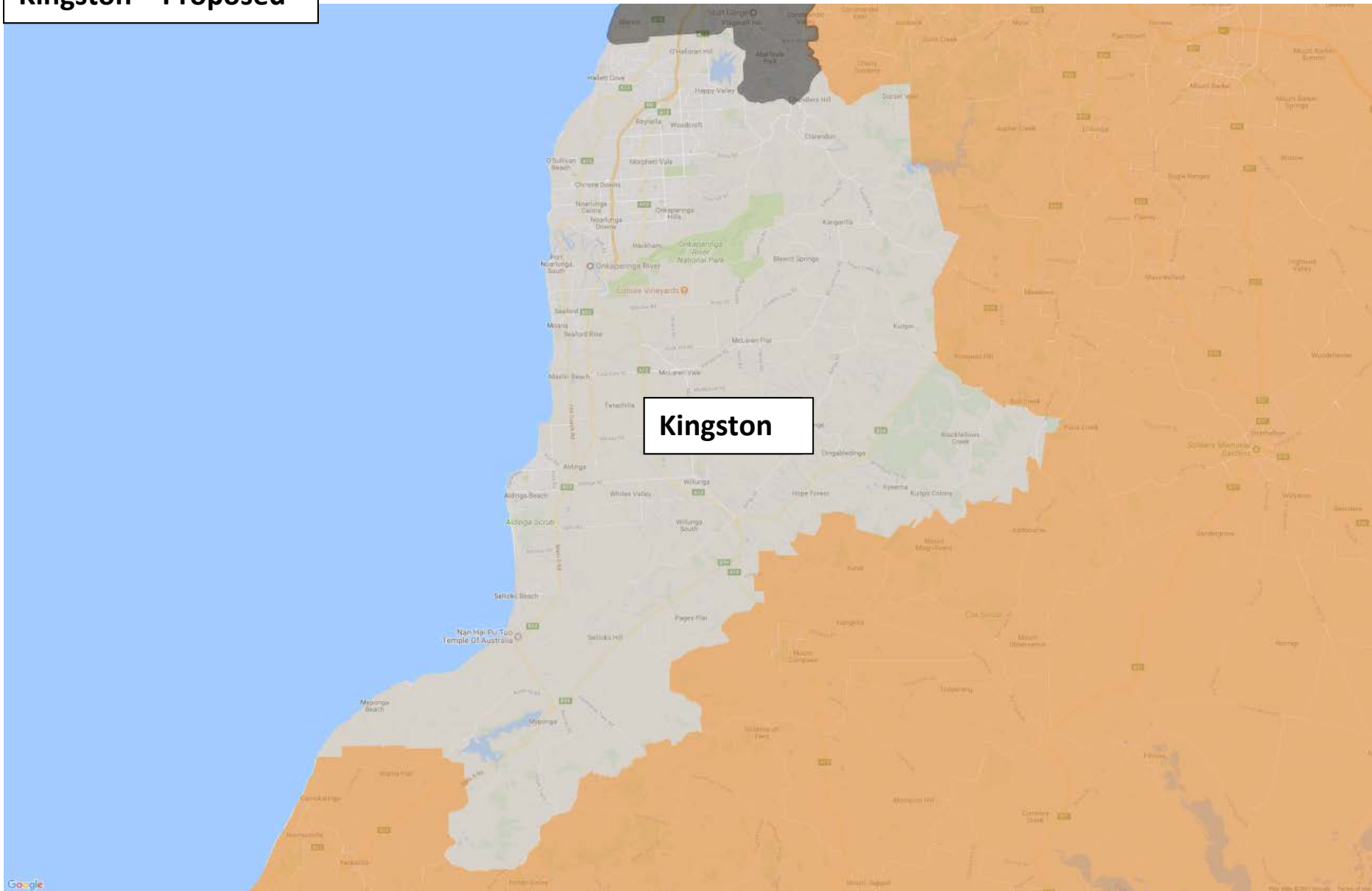
from Sturt to Adelaide

From Port Adelaide to Hindmarsh

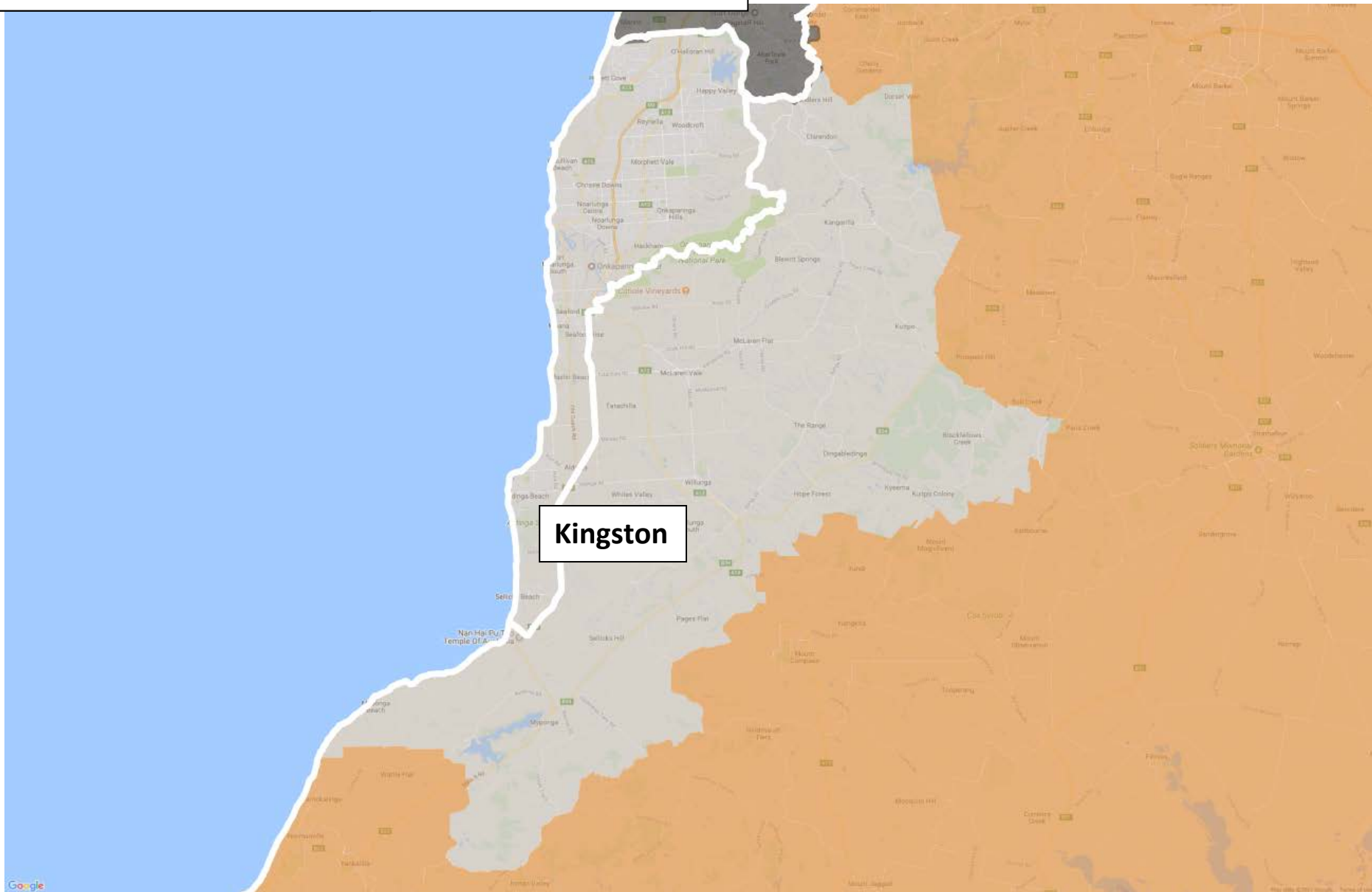
From Adelaide to Sturt

From Hindmarsh to Boothby

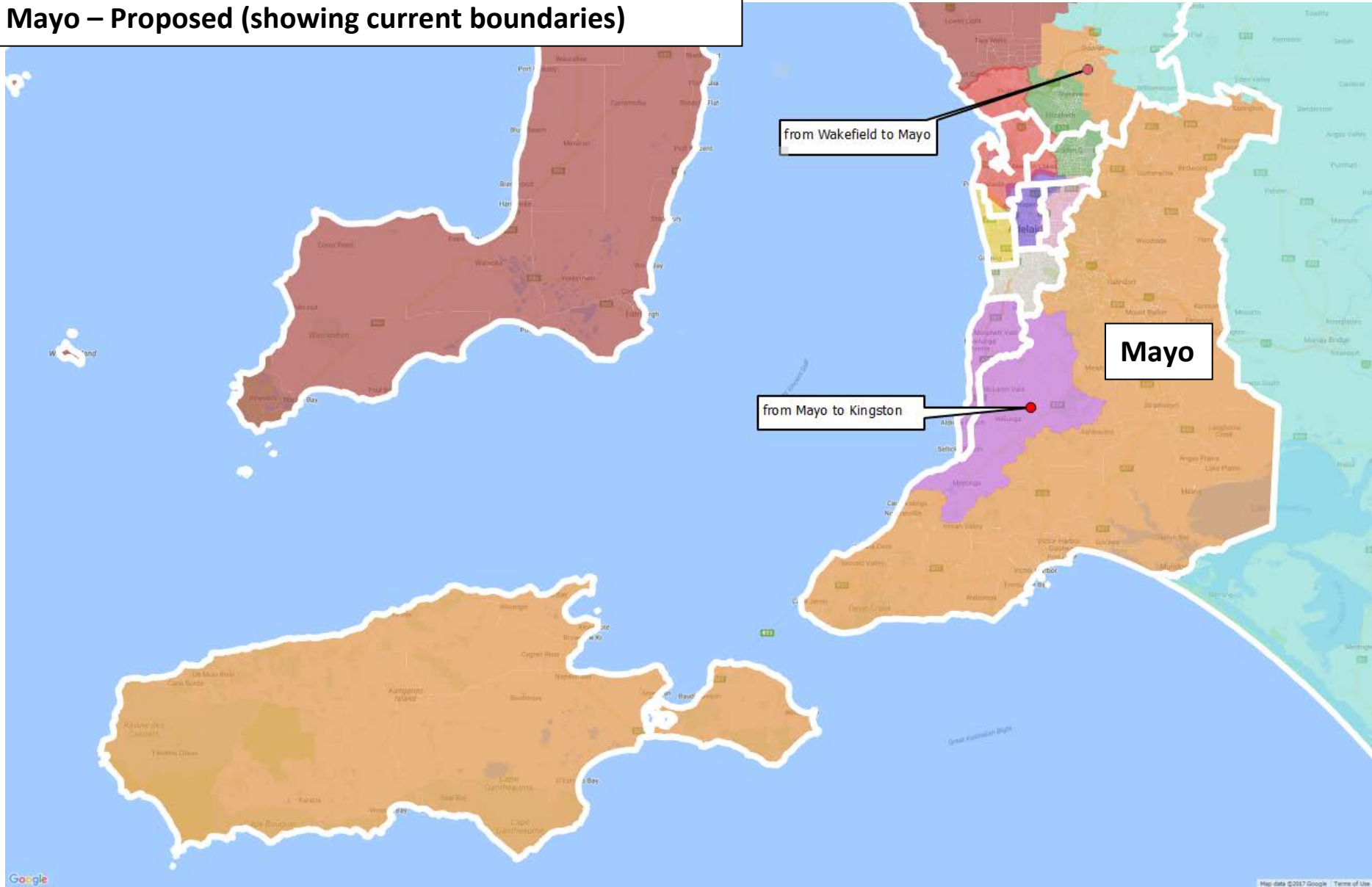
Kingston – Proposed



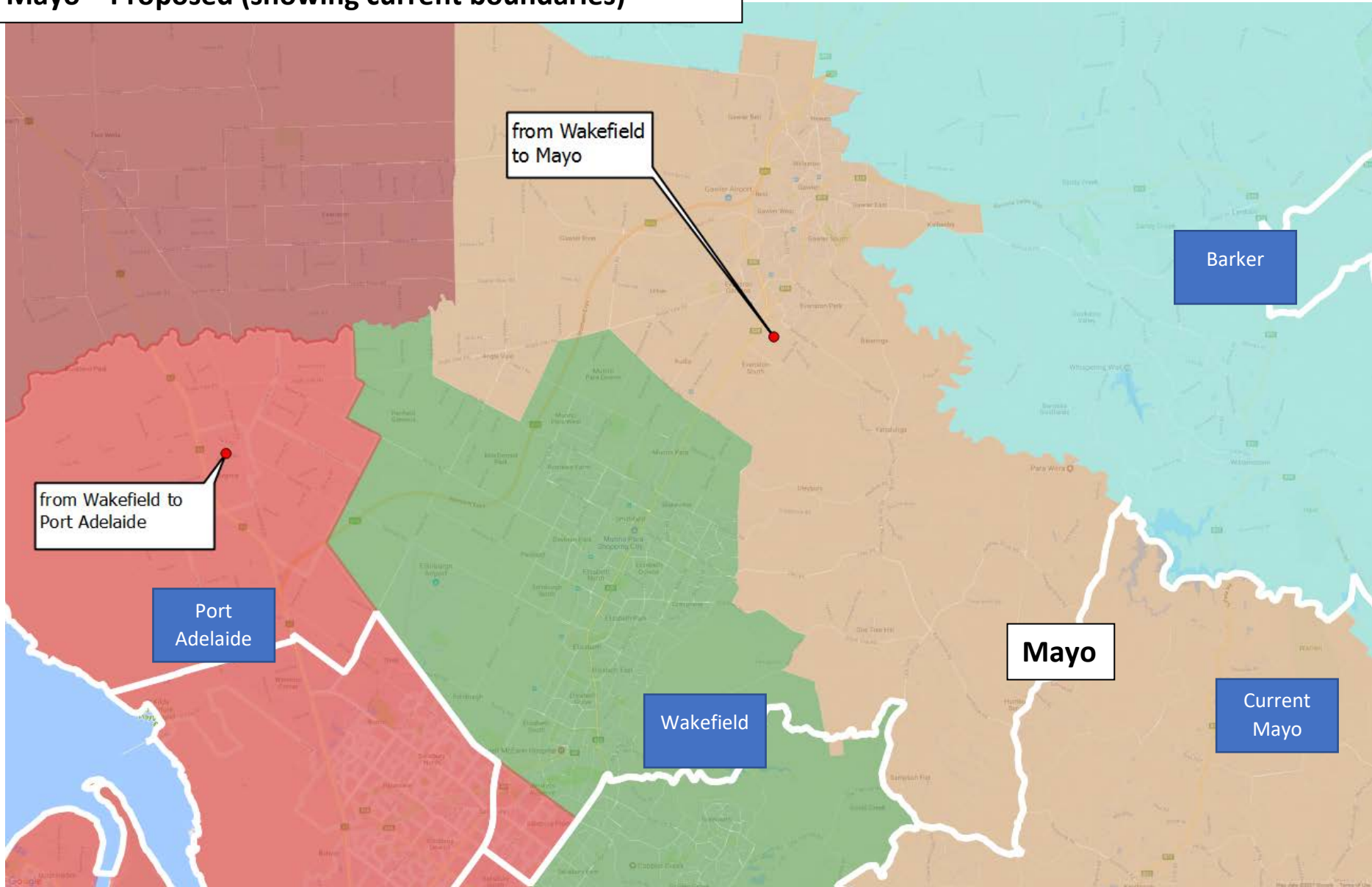
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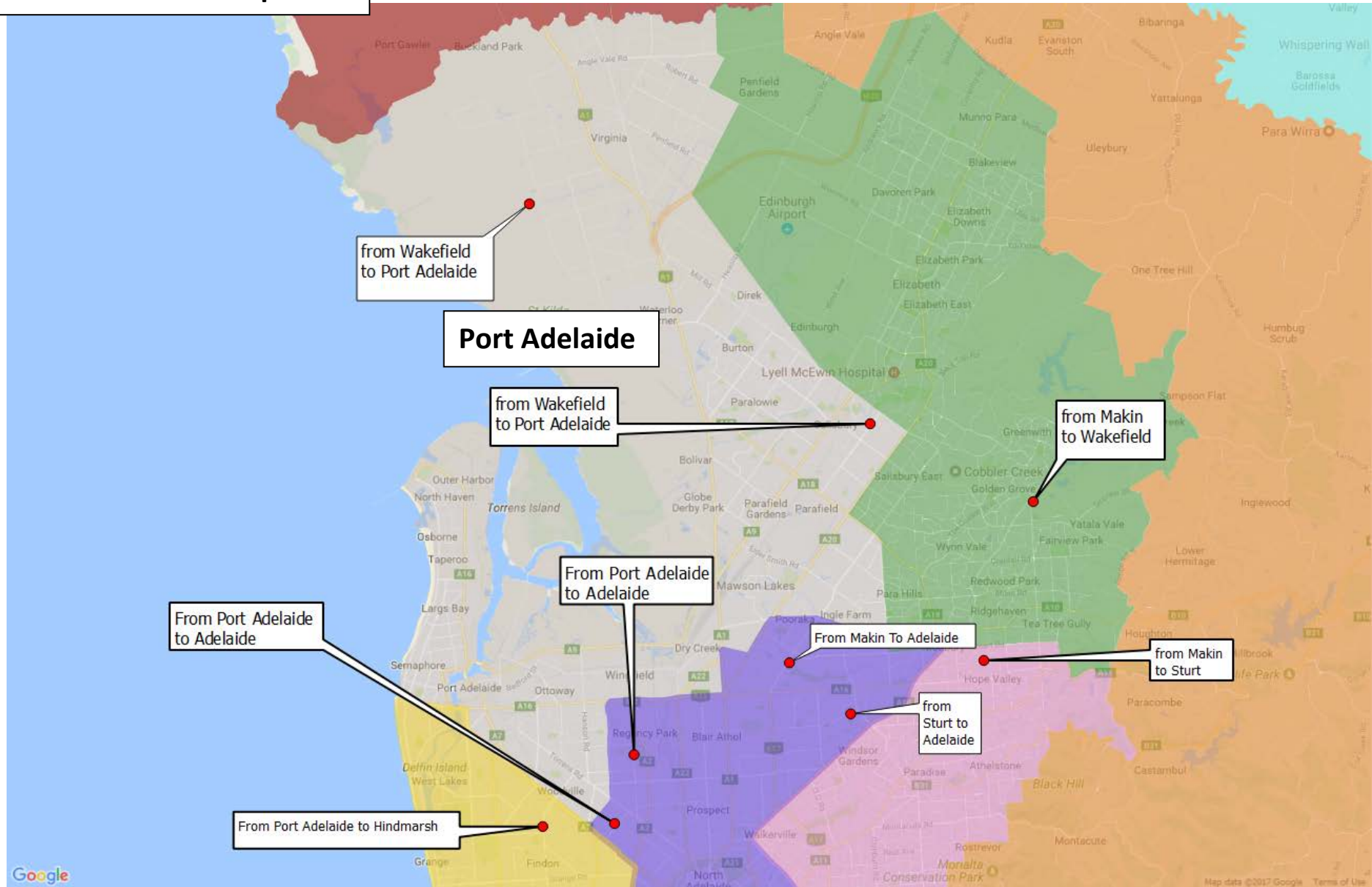
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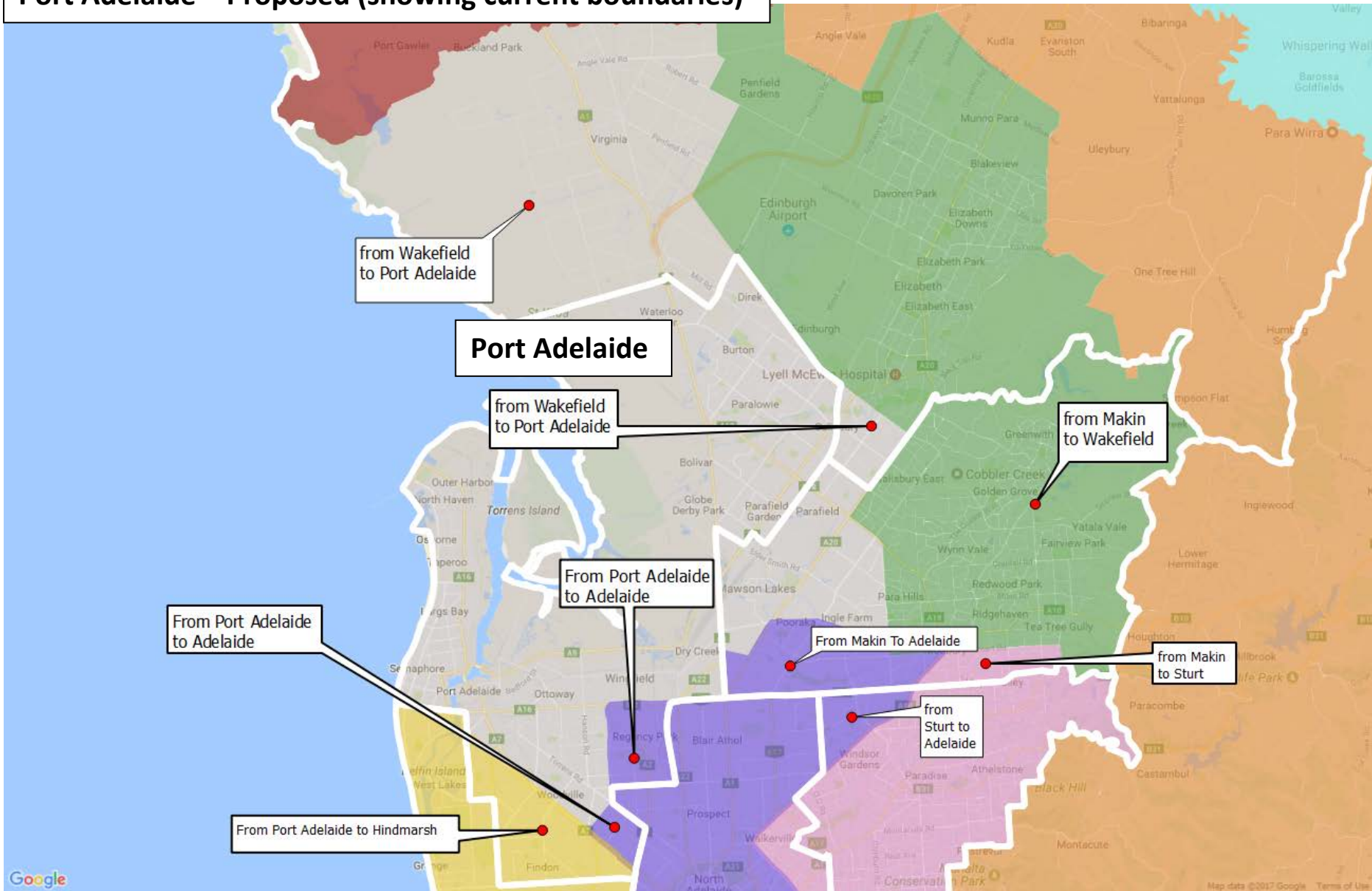
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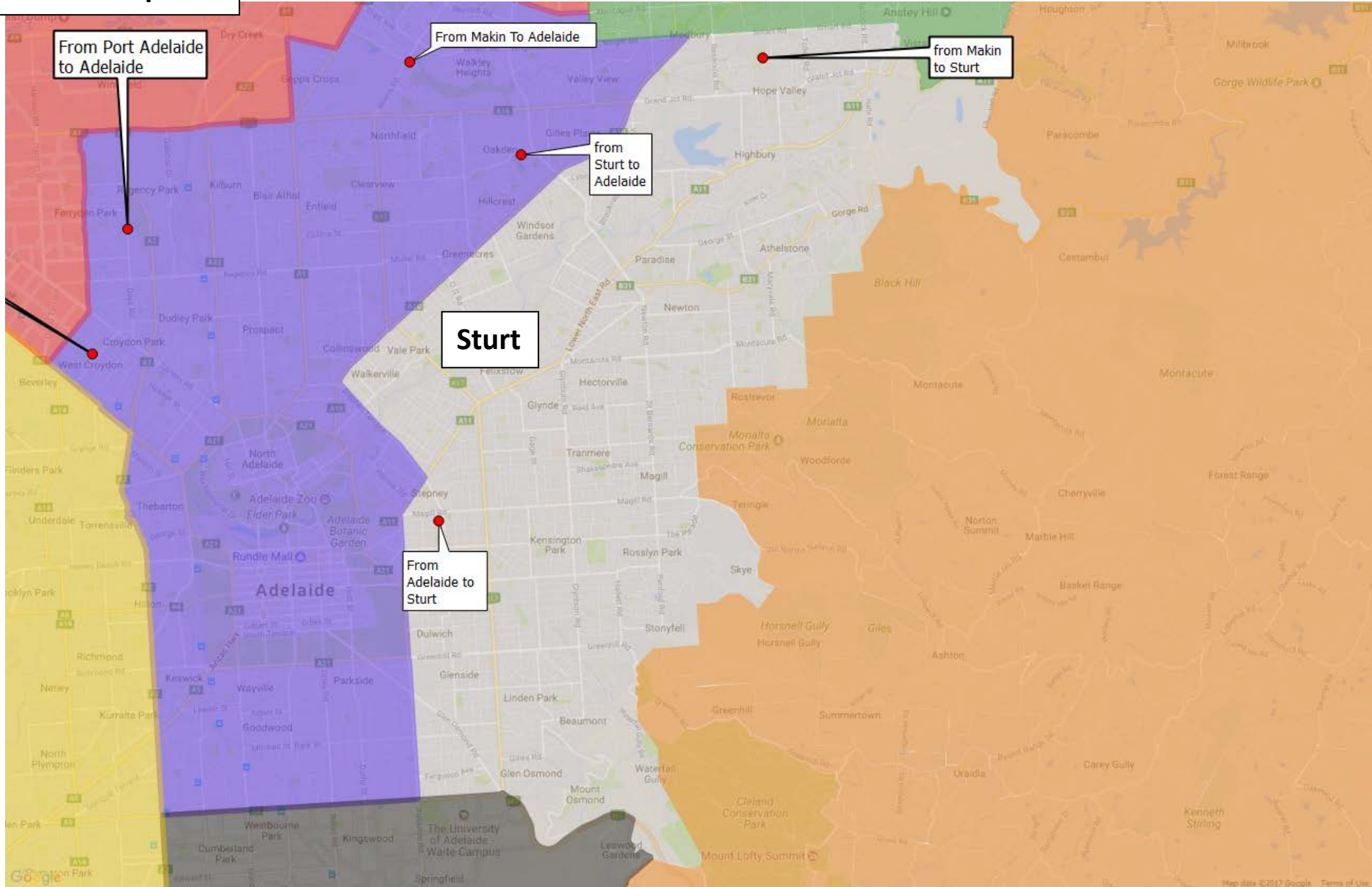
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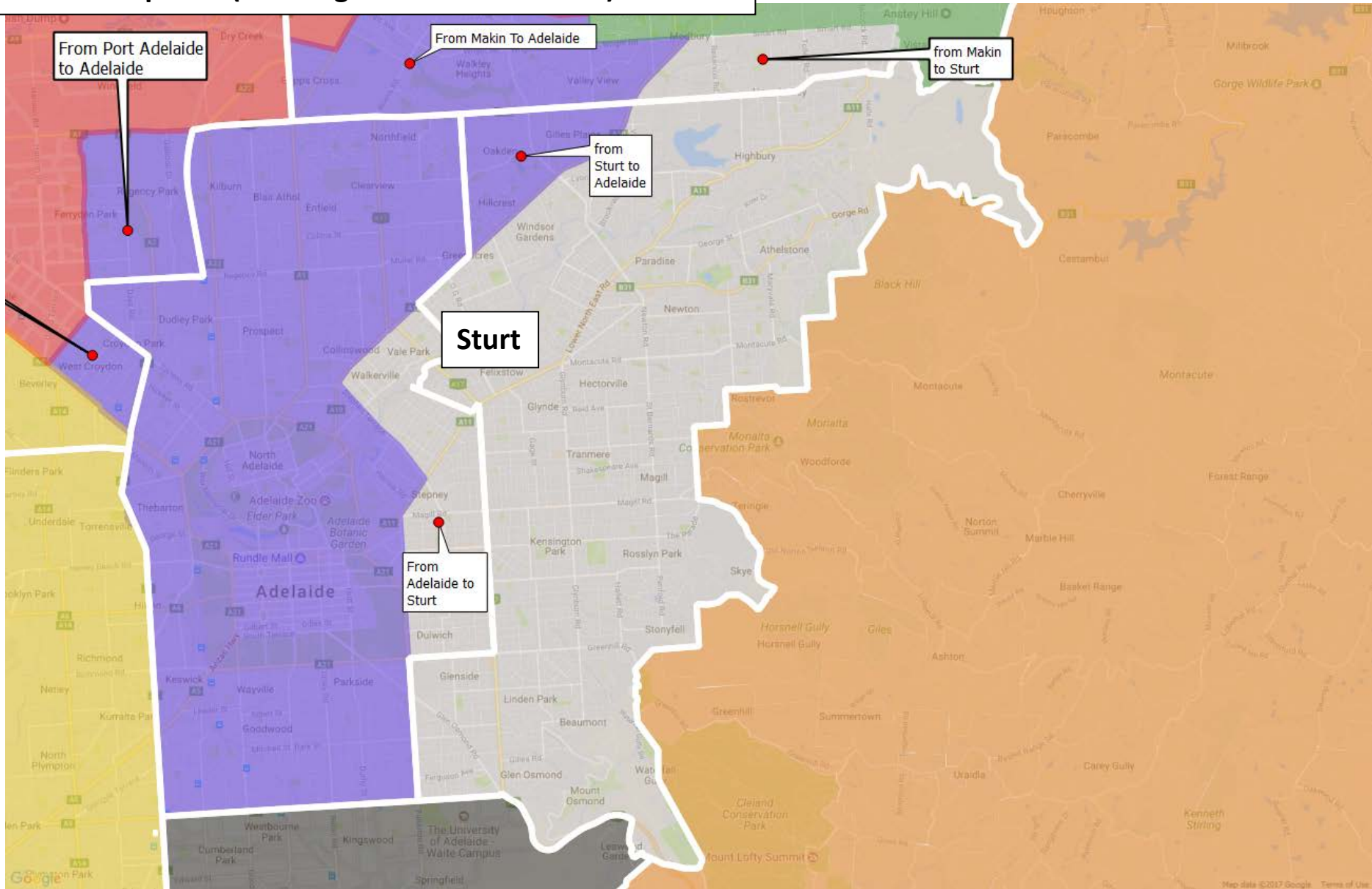
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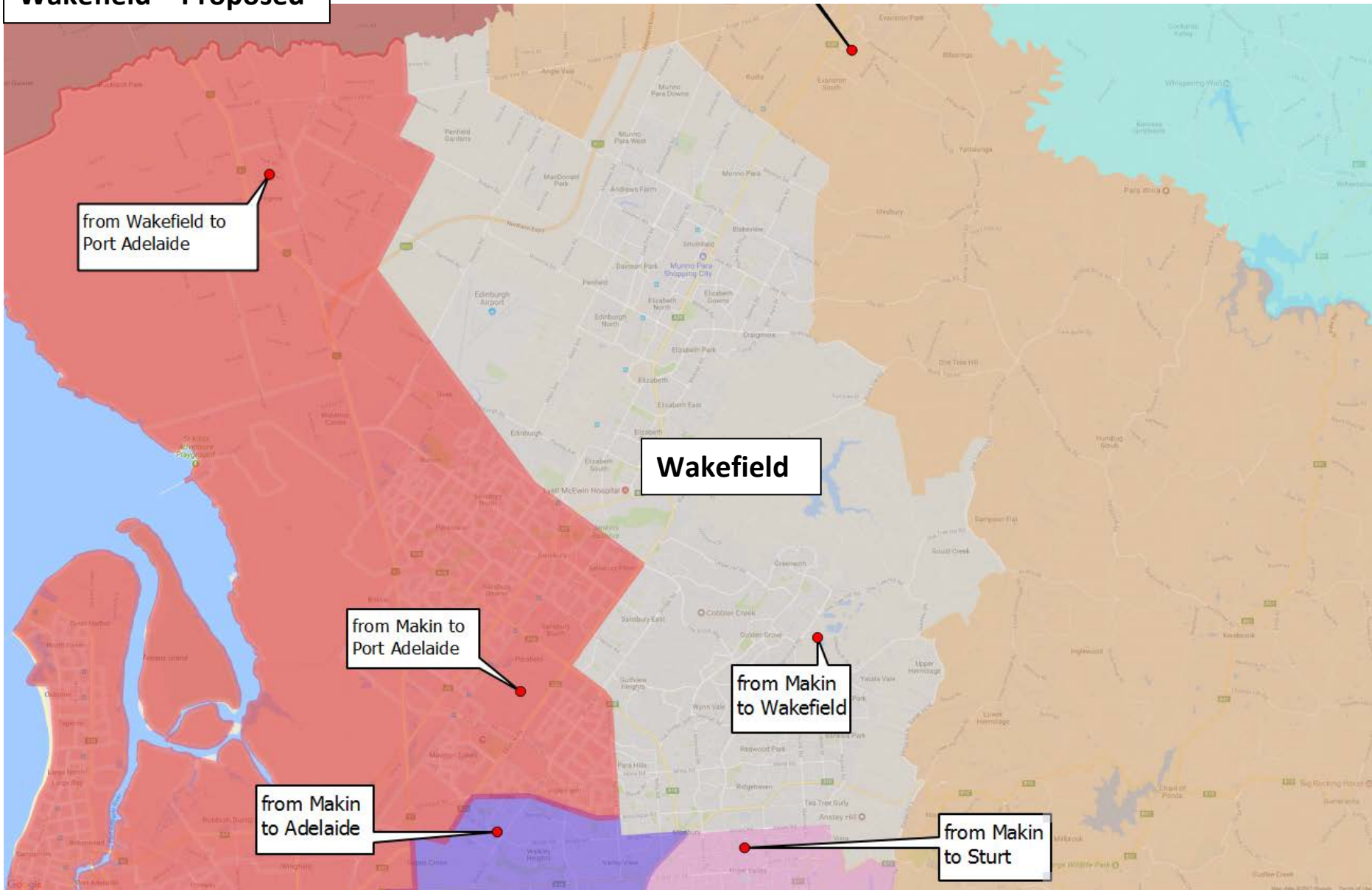
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Sturt – Proposed (showing current boundaries)



Wakefield – Proposed



Wakefield – Proposed (showing current boundaries)

