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From: Andrew Prentice
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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 need 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.

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.

Hawthorndene along with Glenalta and Belair border the Belair National Park one of the greatest assets in the Mitcham Hills. To move suburbs that strongly support this asset with volunteers into disparate electorates will have negative impact on one of South Australia's key attractions and community assets.

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. Natural boundaries and local community involvement areas should bare a greater part on the choice of electoral boundaries than they currently do.

Yours sincerely, Andrew Prentice