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**From:** Heather Jackson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 May 2018 4:27 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.

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.

Craighburn Farm and Hawthorndene are not rural areas so really do not have anything in common with the Mayo electorate. I don't think the elected member would visit our area at all once they are elected because we would be just an isolated bit of the Mayo electorate. For people living in Craighburn Farm to visit the elected members office it will mean a lot of travelling – to areas we just do not travel to. The main roads we use from this electorate are Old Belair Road, Belair Road and Shepherds Hill Road. Not the windy dangerous Upper Sturt Road. For older people this is a much more dangerous drive..

Yours sincerely, Heather Jackson