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Dear AEC

I oppose the submissions made to the Australian Electoral Commission that suggest moving the suburbs of Marino, Kingston Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Seacliff and Seacliff Heights into the neighbouring federal electorate of Kingston.

The federal electorate of Kingston stretches through Noarlunga, Christies Beach and down to Sellicks Beach. These areas have little in common with Marino, Kingston Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Seacliff and Seacliff Park.

Natural boundary

There is a clear natural boundary between these suburbs and the southern boundary of the electorate of Boothby and the electorate of Kingston. The natural boundary includes the areas of the Boral Linwood Quarry, Marino Conservation Park, Glenthorne Farm and O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park as demonstrated in the attached map.

Communities of interest

To separate Marino, Kingston Park and Seacliff from the rest of Boothby particularly makes little sense. These suburbs share significant communities of interest links with the rest of the Boothby coastline.

These areas are connected by completed or soon to be completed walking and cycling trails that stretch along the coastline from Somerton Park to Marino (and in fact from Glenelg to Marino were Glenelg to also be included in Boothby). Use of the track is popular among locals and visitors alike and as such it bears relevance to the social community of interest.

The coastal communities south of Adelaide Airport stretching from Glenelg North through Brighton, South Brighton and down to Seacliff, Kingston Park and Marino all have an active beach lifestyle in common. This sense of community is no better exemplified than by reference to the many popular and active Surf Life Saving Clubs whose presence features heavily along this stretch of coastline.

These community hubs form the bedrock of Boothby's coastal communities with clubs having anywhere from 500 to over 1000 members. This level of community participation in a service club is unmatched in modern times and it speaks to the importance of the beach lifestyle and the need for these communities to be situated in the one federal electorate.

The shared social activities and public events instigated and run by the various Surf Life Saving Clubs of Glenelg, Somerton, Brighton and Seacliff are a unifying factor for these constituents and their effects stretch slightly inland to weave a strong community fabric.

Roads and transport

Residents in the suburbs of Marino, Kingston Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Seacliff and Seacliff Park share very similar transport interests.

Residents commute by bus or by train in the area.

There is significant, long-term traffic pressure on Brighton Road, Morphett Road, Diagonal Road, Marion Road and South Road. For these reasons the federal government and the former and current Members for Boothby fought for and secured significant federal funding to address serious traffic bottlenecks.

The current Member for Boothby secured \$95 million of federal funding to fix the Oaklands Rail Crossing bottleneck at Diagonal and Morphett Roads that has been a serious problem for residents in Marino, Kingston Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Seacliff and Seacliff Park because of the delays incurred each day at the Oaklands Crossing.

Additional pressure has been put on Brighton Road and seaside residential roads as many commuters avoid Oaklands Crossing altogether. Many residents choose to use Marion Road instead and may use South Road once the Darlington Upgrade is complete thanks to \$496 million of federal funding.

Shopping

Most residents shop locally along Brighton Road, Seacombe Road or at Westfield Marion.

Summary

I believe that these proposed changes would substantially disrupt our community in Boothby. Our current southern boundary is ideal in maintaining our federal electorate of Boothby as one centred on the southern and inner southern suburbs of Adelaide.

The suburbs of Marino, Kingston Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Seacliff and Seacliff Heights have long been in Boothby.

Finally, the seat of Boothby was one of the first seats created in South Australia in 1903 along with Adelaide, Barker, Grey, Hindmarsh and Wakefield and so it should be retained.

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