



# Objection 315

City of Port Adelaide Enfield

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**Objection by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield to the abolition of the name Port Adelaide as a Federal Electoral Division.**

At its meeting on 8 May 2018 the City of Port Adelaide Enfield unanimously resolved as follows;

**ITEM 12.3.14 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION CONSULTATION**

Mayor Johanson moved that Council resolves:

1. The Director Corporate Services' report titled "*South Australian Federal Electoral Redistribution Consultation*" be received and noted.
2. The Administration prepare and submit a response indicating Council's support for the name of Port Adelaide to be retained for a Federal electoral division in support of the areas historic and contemporary significance to South Australia.

Cr. Boan seconded

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Of the 11 electoral divisions currently held in South Australia, 9 did not meet the distribution requirements. The division of Port Adelaide was one of two divisions which did meet the requirements. For this reason an argument could be made to retain Port Adelaide as an electoral division in its own right. Recognising that the recommendation from the Commission is to abolish the Port Adelaide division, it is important to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield seek to continue to have a division named Port Adelaide. The Mayor has also expressed his support for retaining the name of Port Adelaide – **(Refer Attachment 1)**

Port Adelaide has historic and contemporary significance to South Australia and there are many reasons why retaining a federal electoral division of Port Adelaide is important to our state and nation. The Port Adelaide Federal electorate was established in 1949. The historic buildings, tall ships, quaint laneways, museums, river dolphins, the lighthouse and industrial sheds are iconic attractions and landmarks that enhance Port Adelaide's harbour lifestyle. The community of Port Adelaide has deep roots, with many families living in the area for several generations. Pride in Port Adelaide can be seen in the relationships and connections between community, our celebration of local history, our care for the local environment and our appreciation for our strong Aboriginal culture and history.

Being the closest major port to the city of Adelaide, Port Adelaide has been an economic and industrial hub for South Australia and has been one of the state's primary employment locations at various points in its time. Today, Port Adelaide is the centre for considerable local, state, national and international investment, with long term plans for ongoing investment in infrastructure relating to defence, transport and other key industries. Relationships of national importance such as with Cherbourg in France for ship and submarine building will bring a \$50 billion investment and approximately 6000 new jobs to the state, with economic opportunities for several decades into the future. China, South East Asia and India

have been recognised by the state and federal governments as important links for trade and economic opportunities. These relationships focused around Port Adelaide will have a significant impact on the prosperity and opportunities available to South Australians. These opportunities extend to the sporting and leisure realms with the Port Adelaide Football Club, South Australia's second AFL club, generating positive social connections, encouraging active communities, developing international connections including with China, and actively reconnecting communities to our Aboriginal heritage.

High numbers of new arrivals are choosing to make the Port Adelaide region their home, bringing new culture, food and festivities for our residents and visitors to enjoy. Growth in the division of Port Adelaide has been recorded as 13.22 percent (June 2012-2016). The local economy has enjoyed a boost in recent times with many small to medium sized businesses moving to, or reinvesting in a long future in Port Adelaide.

Both major political parties within South Australia indicated in their suggestions that they were supportive of retaining the division and name of Port Adelaide.

As highlighted above the City of Port Adelaide Enfield support the retention of the name of Port Adelaide as a Federal electoral division. It's important that we continue to mark Port Adelaide as a strong and significant area, and a Federal electoral division under the name of Port Adelaide will further support a bright future for the state.

## Attachment 1

**From:** Mayor Gary Johanson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 April 2018 7:54 PM  
**To:** Mark Withers  
**Subject:** Federal seat of Port Adelaide

Dear Mark,

Further to my telephone conversation with you regarding the pending loss of the Federal Seat of Port Adelaide. I hereby confirm my request that a report be brought to the next council meeting on what options council has to lobby to have the Electoral Commission retain this iconic Federal Seat , which is well known, not just in South Australia but across Australia and also many parts of the world.

Given our states reliance on Techport for its manufacturing future , it makes good sense to have as much of the area surrounding this vital piece of industrial and defence area to be known as Port Adelaide, indeed when discussions are held in Federal Parliament in Canberra , and items being discussed relate to our area, I believe there is great strength for the future of our area and indeed the state if the Federal Seat remains to be called Port Adelaide and as such discussions regarding our area are identified in Parliamentary documents as being from the Federal Member for Port Adelaide.

Such a retention of name however would not effect the Electoral Commissions ability to change boundaries of said Seat.

I have personally spoken to many locals , that cannot believe that they are likely to loose such an important part of their, and our local identity, I have also spoken to just three local businesses about this matter and they have all agreed to display a sign such as "Save our Federal seat of Port Adelaide" said business owners are Charlie from Carmine's, Nick Psarros from Ray White, and John Cowled from the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, I have no doubt most if not all local businesses in the Port would fly such banners or put one in the window of their premises I is my hope that fellow councillors will feel moved by this report and move , not only a motion to lobby the Electoral Commission , but to work with local business owners re signage to save our Federal Seat.

I have spoken also to our current Federal member, Mark Butler and the previous Federal Member, Rod Sawford and they have given me their personal support for this very worthy cause.

The Port is such an identifiable area , not only because of its geographical features such as the river , but also the Port itself was the area that most of our early settlers to this great state arrived.

Surely by retaining the name of the Federal Seat of Port Adelaide there if far more to be gained, than lost.

Kind regards,Gary Johanson

Sent from my iPad

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