



# Suggestion 124

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**From:** Jon Cocks [REDACTED]  
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**To:** FedRedistribution - SA  
**Subject:** Keep Mayo as Mayo!

To the Redistribution Committee for South Australia,

I wish to express my total disapproval of the Australian Electoral Commission's opportunistic electoral ploy in seeking to dissolve the Hills and Fleurieu heartland that is the Mayo electorate, of which I am a constituent.

Should that travesty occur, it will have the convenient side-effect of excising that thorn in the flesh of the major party: the inconveniently independent voice in Federal Parliament, whose vote is not for sale.

Mayo includes the entirety of the Adelaide Hills Council, Mount Barker District Council, Alexandrina Council, Victor Harbor Council, the District Council of Yankalilla and the Kangaroo Island Council.

How can my local community be not represented consistently, when my council's economic, social and regional interests are buried in the Any Other Business part of some city-based electorate, to be held over till the next meeting repeatedly until they cease to be timely?

Any such arbitrary carving up of our Fleurieu and Hills community will splinter decades-long networks and compromise traditions based on locality: country shows, sporting associations and the like.

This cynical political ploy, if successful, will shatter networks and create organisational headaches for almost every Hills and Fleurieu enterprise, crucial to the makeup of South Australia.

Mayo contains the vast majority of South Australia's horticulture industry and seven distinct wine regions, crucial businesses in our community. They need their own representatives, not some city suit, whose closest brush with a cellar door is in Adelaide's east end.

Distinct physical features define Mayo: the Hills Face Zone that restricts development in the Adelaide foothills and the Mount Lofty Ranges is a clear barrier not only between Town and Hills, but also the Eden Valley to the north and the Lower Lakes in the south.

Hills constituents are rightly unimpressed by having a city suit as our representative. Neither our northern nor our southern regions will feel a part of communities further afield, whose local interests are defined by their own locales and practices.

If the AEC is to ensure all of the remaining ten electorates have a similar population, it will do well to remember that Mount Barker's current 34,000 is projected to increase to 55,000 by 2036. If it is politically expedient to lump Mount Barker into a metropolitan seat boundary, are you going to change it again in twenty years?

Culturally, politically, economically, your AEC number-crunchers are doing a big number on the Hills and Fleurieu if this unconscionable redistribution is to proceed. I call it foul play.

Keep the Division of Mayo as one of the ten electoral divisions in South Australia.

Keep Mayo as Mayo!

Yours sincerely, Jon Cocks [REDACTED]

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