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Good afternoon

Please find attached a submission for the Redistribution of Federal Electoral Divisions in SA from Tony Zappia MP, Federal Member for Makin.

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Submission for the Redistribution of Federal Electoral Divisions in South Australia

Makin Electorate

The Makin Electorate has a unique community of interest characteristic.

Bounded by

- Grand Junction Road (South)
- Hills Face (East)
- Gawler-Adelaide Rail Line (West)
- Little Para River (North)

each boundary creates a clear physical and social separation from most of the surrounding communities. The existing boundaries recognise those separations and arise from them.

It is also a separation that predominantly reflects the post 1960s urban growth of north and north east metropolitan Adelaide in which Modbury Hospital and Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre became anchors for the 'new region' that since 1984 has been the electorate of Makin.

The Electorate falls predominantly within the boundaries of the Cities of Tea Tree Gully and Salisbury. The two Local Government areas have strong historical links with each other and a mutual interest in many social, environmental and economic objectives of the region.

City of Port Adelaide / Enfield

The south western strip of the electorate, on the northern side of Grand Junction Road lies within the City of Port Adelaide / Enfield. This is a carry-over of original local government boundaries established in the mid-1800s and which often followed water courses - in this case Dry Creek.

Those boundaries were established prior to post WW11 urban growth and do not necessarily reflect today's community of interest.

In the 1980s, in recognition of community of interest boundary anomalies, Tea Tree Gully, Port Adelaide / Enfield and Salisbury Council entered into discussions in an attempt to realign the boundaries in this part of the electorate. Whilst there was agreement in principle for adjustments, the work required in amending all of the property records and consequent impact on property owners made the task too difficult to proceed with.

City of Tea Tree Gully Boundary

Similarly the southern portion of Tea Tree Gully Council area, which extends south of Grand Junction Road through to the River Torrens, is not within the Makin electorate. It is in the Sturt electorate because that better reflects the "community of interest" the area has with Adelaide's eastern suburbs. Again the River Torrens local government boundary has been overshadowed by the more logical North-South divide created by Grand Junction Road.

Future Growth

The electorate is currently undergoing notable changes

- 1. Large allotments of the 1960s are being subdivided at a rapid rate adding to population density.
- 2. Significant numbers of new migrants have settled into the electorate. Whilst not yet citizens and therefore not on the roll, they inevitably will be, as evidenced by the high new citizenship numbers at Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully Council ceremonies.
- 3. Transit orientated corridor development, including high rise residential buildings, are planned for the surrounding area of the Tea Tree Plaza / Modbury O'bahn precinct.

Summary

- Makin is a clearly defined, self-contained electorate with an existing strong community of interest characteristic.
- A major boundary change to the Makin electorate would fracture the existing "community of interest" strength.
- Current enrolment of 107,636 is predicted to grow to 110,072 by 2022 leaving a shortfall of around 10,000 voters in order to meet the required size.
- The most logical expansion of Makin boundaries would be in a westerly / north westerly direction where:
 - o there is already a strong community of interest with the Makin electorate.
 - Existing transport corridors, environmental assets (Dry Creek and Cobbler Creek linear parks) education centres, sports facilities etc already contribute to a strong relationship between the Cities of Tea Tree Gully and Salisbury and a common interest of residents within the area.
 - o growth would occur within the City of Salisbury and therefore not intrude into a new local government area.
 - o the Adelaide / Gawler rail line or Salisbury Highway would provide a clear and obvious boundary.
- The western side of the City of Salisbury has minimal community of interest with either the Port Adelaide or Wakefield electorates.



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