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The Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission

Email: edbc.secretary@sa.gov.au

Dear Commissioners,

I write in response to the draft report.

It is extremely disappointing "that the Commission sees no alternative but to split the township of Port Augusta into the two electoral districts of Giles and Stuart" (page 52). This means in effect that the pastoral region is also split between these two districts.

Even of greater disappointment, is the way the boundaries are now drawn, Giles will be centred on Whyalla and Stuart on Port Pirie. Neither of these towns have any relationship with South Australia's pastoral community.

In the draft report, the Commission has acknowledged that I had not had the opportunity to see my local member in my area, near Marla. Unfortunately, with these proposed boundaries, this will now become common for the entire pastoral community, not just half as it is at the moment.

I would like to plead with the Commission to reconsider their proposal to see if there is any way the boundaries can be redrawn.

As I indicated in my submission, "To further weaken connections or ties to this community by redistribution of the electoral boundaries will be yet another blow to an area already suffering from more than 3 years of drought" and this is exactly what is happening.

Yours Sincerely

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