



# Rebekha Sharkie MP

*Federal Member for Mayo*



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### Response to Proposed SA Electoral Boundary Changes

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie MP has welcomed the release of the proposed federal electoral redistribution by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), while expressing sadness at the potential loss of several valued communities from the Mayo electorate.

The proposed changes are part of a standard redistribution process to ensure electorates remain within population requirements.

Ms Sharkie said she respects the rationale behind the proposal.

“I understand that the Australian Electoral Commission had to balance out the populations of the electorates, and certainly Mayo was one of the two most populous electorates in South Australia, because we have a couple of very high growth areas.”

While broadly supportive of the redistribution, Ms Sharkie acknowledged the emotional impact of losing communities she is closely connected with.

“I’m very sad to be losing towns including Milang, Clayton Bay and Callington. I feel like I’m at home in any of those townships and communities.”

The proposed changes would see parts of Mayo redistributed to neighbouring electorates.

“It looks like we’ve lost parts of the electorate to the east and the west, but I recognise that was necessary given we were a larger electorate by population.”

Ms Sharkie indicated she supports the likely outcome of the process.

She also highlighted that redistributions are a normal part of Australia’s democratic system and that Mayo has remained unchanged for several years.

“Electoral maps change from time to time, and it actually hasn’t changed for Mayo since 2018. I accept the position of the Australian Electoral Commission.”

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