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The Redistribution Committee
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Dear Sirs/Madams

I didn't actually see the news item on TV, but my husband said a mention was made last Friday(?) night to calling a new Federal electorate "Holman". In the "South West Times" of Thurs. 23/3/00 an article also mentioned a redistribution in the State seats, with perhaps an extra one stretching from Kinkella Park in Burbury to Balingup.

I am a close relative to the Holman family members who served this State as members of Parliament for almost 50 years.

My name is Kathleen Isabel HAINES (nee CORBOY), my mother was a Holman.

My grand father, John Barkell Holman (I am his eldest grand child) served in State Parliament from 1901-1925 except for about 2 years.

He was member for Murchison North, Murchison and Forrest (State - no longer exists) for the 2 years before his untimely death, all as a labour party representative. His daughter,

May (his eldest child - my mother was second eldest in the large family) won Forrest after he died. She was then aged 31 years and was the first female member of the Labour
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in Australia to gain a seat in any parliament. She died as a result of a car accident, near Burekup, in St John's hospital, Bunbury, on her way to an election meeting at Brockhampton. She died a couple of days after the accident three hours after being declared re-elected for Forrest on 20th March 1939.

Her brother Edward, then won Forrest for Labour and retired from parliament in the early years after WW2 ended.

As you well know John's and May's stories have been well documented, particularly May's, several times. May was not only an MP, she was a very talented musician, served on several organizations, many in an office bearing position and many other things.

I believe it would be very appropriate to call a new seat "Holman", especially a State seat and one around the area where they lived (Mt Lawley, Bassendean) or part of the Forestry, Southwest areas.

Yours sincerely

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