

# OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
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Objection Number **148**

by

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behalf of Year 6, Wallsend South Public School**

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To Whom It May Concern,

## RE: Redistribution of the Reid Electorate

It has come to the attention of the Year 6 team at Wallsend South Public School that the Electorate of Reid is to be abolished, causing the loss of the name *Reid*. We strongly disagree with this decision. This should not be allowed to happen because it would spoil our Australian heritage and custom of recognising former prime ministers.

Reid made a significant contribution to Australian history in his work as Premier of NSW, Member of Parliament and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. While serving as a Member of Parliament, Reid helped to create the Federation of Australia.

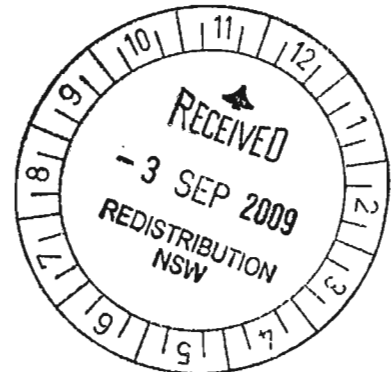
Sir George Reid was recognised internationally for his contribution to democracy. He served as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (1910–16) and as a member of the British Parliament (1916–18).

Recently, Year 6 visited both new and old Parliament House. We noticed that although we have a short history, we have achieved a great deal. Reid's contribution to our history should not be overlooked or devalued. Every other deceased Prime Minister has an Electorate named in their honour but if this decision goes ahead, Sir George Reid and his involvement in our history may be forgotten.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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on behalf of Year 6.



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