

# **OBJECTION**

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I am writing to you concerning the consequences of the disappearance of the name of Reid in the proposed redistribution. I live in the Federal electorate of Reid and will, under the proposal, be in the renamed electorate of McMahon, formerly Lowe.

It has been suggested by some commentators that the nearby electorate of Greenway be renamed Reid. This is my main concern as an architect and as a member of the Australian Institute of Architects. Greenway is named after the Colonial architect Francis Greenway, the first unofficial Government Architect, who gave us such landmarks as St James Church, the Conservatorium of Music and Hyde Park Barracks. Francis Greenway once graced the \$10 note, it would be a shame if his name also disappeared from representing a Federal Parliament electorate. As an architect I am proud to have one of our profession honoured in this way, particularly as he is the only architect so honoured in the Federal Parliament.

I have no objection to the redistribution and dismemberment of the electorate of Reid. These actions are a necessary product of population shifts and it appears that the proposed boundaries do not alter the political balance of seats in the greater west of Sydney. However, I do have concerns regarding the symbolism of dropping the name Reid as it would establish a precedent in removing the names of former Prime Ministers from Federal electorates. Whilst I welcome the name change in the electorate of Lowe to McMahon in honour of Prime Minister Billy McMahon who represented the seat of Lowe for a very long time, I would like to see Prime Minister George Reid's name continue to be represented in the Federal Parliament.

Surely there must be a way to preserve both the names of Reid and Greenway. I trust that the Redistribution Committee has the wisdom to come up with a suitable and acceptable suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

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