



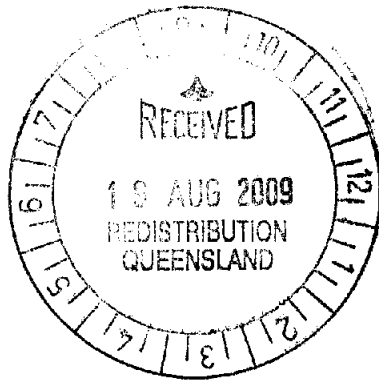
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Hon Secretary Tarakan Reunion**

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Re. The proposed Naming of the New Qld. Electoral Division

H.R. Maher,
Hon. Secretary
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16th August 2009

Australian Electoral Officer for Queensland.
G.P.O. Box 2590 Brisbane Queensland

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to comment on the Naming of the New Electoral Division and support the nomination for the Late Leonard Waters, who served in New Guinea, Tarakan and Borneo with the Royal Australian Airforce.

Len's Widow, Gladys Waters, is a Member of our Organisation which meets bi-annually at the Geebung-Zillmere RSL Club on May 1st [the Day of the Tarakan Landing] and on the 4th Thursday in November for our Annual General Meeting. Our Reunions for years have included Veterans who served on and around Tarakan during WW2 and their Spouses, Families and Friends. We have now extended our Welcome to those Veterans who served in any of the spheres of Action in all Borneo.

At a time when Reconciliation is uppermost in our thoughts it would seem very fitting to honour the Actions and Deeds of our very famous Aboriginal Fighter Pilot who served with distinction in the RAAF during WW2.

He has been recognised by all Australians, regardless of ethnic background, and has served our Country well and stands as a role model for all to follow.

Gladys Waters has acquainted us with Len's life History and his painstaking efforts, often against insurmountable odds, to achieve and realise his "dreams" and in so doing has shown that "nothing is impossible" with the right will and determination to succeed.

We would like to commend the name WATERS to be considered in the Naming of the New Proposed Queensland Electoral Seat.

Yours Sincerely

Hon. Vice-Pres. Tarakan Reunion
and
Hon. Secty. 53rd Composite AA
Regimental Association