



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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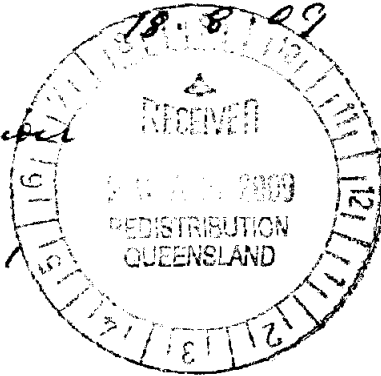
**Objection Number 434**

**Mrs Cowley**

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To: The Australian  
Electoral Commission  
C.P.O. Box 2590  
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Dear Sir,

Having read the proposal to name  
Queensland's new Federal seat after  
Leonard Waters, I agree with the  
enclosed submissions that this  
would be a fitting tribute to a  
good man who served his  
country well and rose to the  
rank of Warrant Officer in  
78 Squadron RAAF at a  
time in Australia's history when

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and "recognising him in the  
Naming of this electorate would be  
contributing to Reconciliation between  
all Australians."

Sincerely,

Rev. Cowley.

My husband was F/O R.R. Cowley  
who also flew with 78 Squadron  
in New Guinea during W.W.2.

# New electorate could be named after Inala man

QUEENSLAND's proposed new federal seat could be named Waters, after long-time Inala resident, Leonard Waters.

Mr Waters' widow is among those who have put forward his name to be considered, as the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) invited suggestions from the public on the proposed redistribution of Queensland's federal electorates.

Mr Waters, who lived in Inala for more than 30 years, was the first Australian Aboriginal military pilot and was only one of four indigenous people to serve in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II.

While he was born in New South Wales and lived many years in St George, Mr Waters raised his family in Inala, and his widow, Gladys Waters, currently lives in Middle Park.

Submissions to the AEC closed on Friday, and among Mrs Waters' submission, was a submission from Federal Member for Moreton, Graham Perrett.

In his submission, Mr Perrett said: "Mr Water's life has already been commemorated in several ways such as his depiction on an Australian Post stamp and a

monument being erected to him in St George.

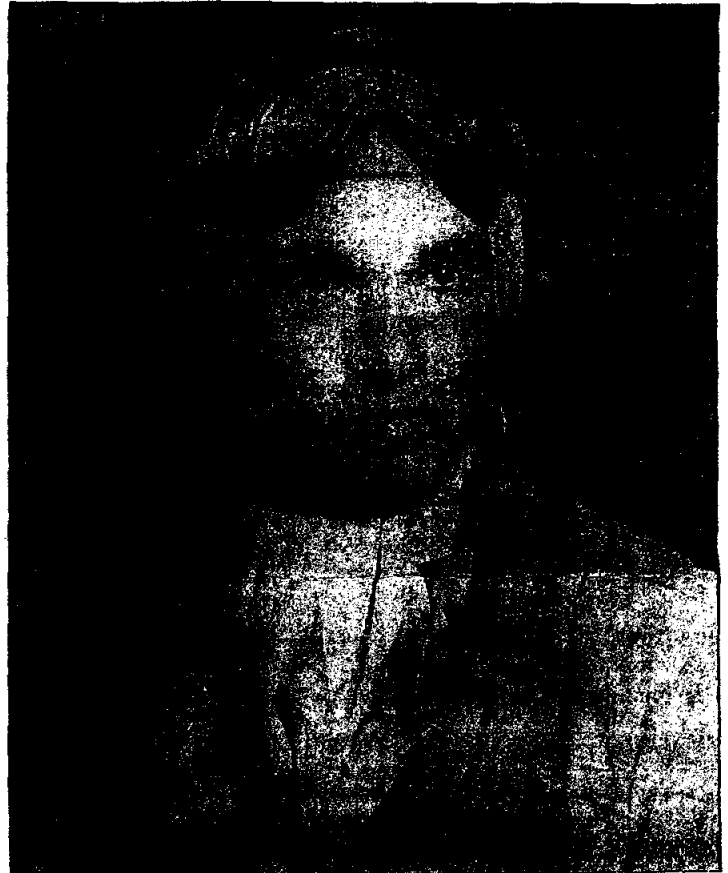
"Given Len Waters served his country and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer in the RAAF at a time in Australia's history when he wasn't even eligible to vote, I believe the naming of the new Queensland electorate after him is a fitting tribute to honour his legacy and sacrifice."

Other people to put Mr Water's name forward were Ray and Moya Deane who said Mr Waters "stands as a role model to all Australians regardless of ethnic background".

Another submitter, Robert Buchan said "recognising him in the naming of this electorate would be contributing to Reconciliation between all Australians".

The 78 Squadron Association, Maxine Benouf, Alastair W. Nicholson and Jamboree councillor, Matthew Bourke also supported a new electorate being named Waters.

The AEC redistribution committee's proposal for the new electorate boundaries and name will be published in July. After the proposal is made, the public will be able to make further objections and comments.



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