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SUGGESTION

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Dear Sir

In view of the fact that Queensland has become entitled to an additional division I submit that this division should be named "Bonner" in recognition of the service to this country of the late Senator Neville Bonner.

Neville Bonner A.O. was born in 1922. He was the first Aboriginal to contest an election for the Senate in 1970 and in 1971 became Australia's first Aboriginal Senator upon the resignation of Dame Annabelle Rankin.

He served as a Liberal Senator until 1983.

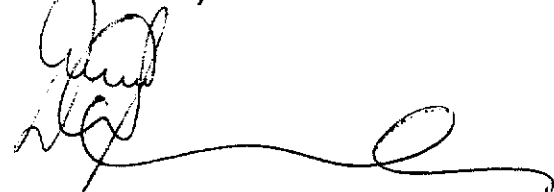
Following his defeat in that year he continued an active involvement in many aspects of community life. He served as a member of the Board of the ABC, was the Senior Visitor in Queensland Prisons, served as a member of the Griffith University Council and was the head of the Indigenous Advisory Council in Queensland.

Neville Bonner was elected as a delegate to the 1998 Constitutional Convention, was the 1979 Australian of the Year, received an honorary doctorate from Griffith University and became an Officer in the Order of Australia.

An elder of the Jagera people Neville Bonner died in 1999.

Recognition of the contribution by Neville Bonner to the Parliament and the people of Australia is entirely appropriate and in accord with the guidelines established for the naming of electoral divisions.

Yours sincerely



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