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Subject Objections to NSW Electorates

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Dear Sir,

In accordance to the request by the AEC for the public to launch objections to the proposed NSW electoral boundaries, I would like to make the following objections to the following electorate names. In all cases, I have assumed that the proposed boundaries are the final ones.

Parramatta: Whilst acknowledging the need to retain the names of original electoral divisions, I feel it absurd and an exercise in blind bureaucracy for Parramatta to rename its current name when it no longer includes the suburb and central district of Parramatta.

In addition, there is the guideline that Commonwealth electorate names should not duplicate those of state electorates -and there is a state seat of Parramatta.

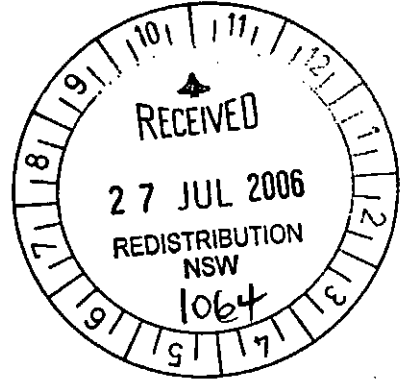
Given that Dundas is now located within the new Parramatta, and that there was a Federal seat called Dundas, I would like to suggest that this name be revived for that seat. This would be far more accurate a name than Parramatta.

Calare: Calare is the Aboriginal name for the Lachlan River, which does not flow through the current seat of Calare, let alone the new one, which will undergo substantial electoral changes under the proposed boundaries. The already outdated name should be changed to reflect this. Whilst I personally favour a geographic name such as Bathurst, the guidelines indicate that I suggest at least suggest Howse or Evans.

Neville Howse(1863-1930) was Australia's first Victoria Cross winner (in the Boer War), and he later became a Defence Minister (from 1925 to 1927). Indeed his electorate was Calare in one of its former incarnations (from 1922 to 1929). He seems an excellent choice. However - the name Howse does resemble Hughes. This may be a problem.

George Evans (1780-1852) was an explorer who has had a shire named after him in the current electorate of Calare, thus giving a namestyle link to this electorate. His explorations, that occurred in the wake of the 1813 crossing, did take in much of the new electorate and influenced settlement growth in the area west of the Blue mountains.

Werriwa: This is the Aboriginal name for Lake George, located over 100 km from this elctorate. Again, having the electorate retain this name seems an



exercise in blind bureaucracy. Lake George has not been in Werriwa since 1913. Further, the name is commonly mispronounced "Werry-wah" when it should be "We-REE-wa". I still therefore suggest an overdue name change to something else.

Again, I favour a geographical name such as Ingleburn. However, a person whom this electorate could be named after is John Whitton (1819-98). John Whitton was the Engineer in Chief of the NSWGR. He bought about the construction of 1000s of km of railway in NSW in the 19th century, including the railway that runs through the current electorate of Werriwa. He seems a fitting person to remember in an electorate name.

Finally, there is Parkes. Like Calare, this electorate had a major change to its boundaries - and the town of Parkes is no longer within its boundaries, thus giving it a misleading name. I suggest a name change to Bourke, after 19th century NSW governor Ralph Bourke, governor from 1831 to 1837. The town of Bourke is located in this electorate, thus giving it geographical relevance.

Other possible names are Rasp (after Charles Rasp, who discovered minerals at Broken Hill) and Darling (after NSW Governor Ralph Darling, who has also has the Darling River named after him) but are unfortunately open to bad jokes.

For your consideration,

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