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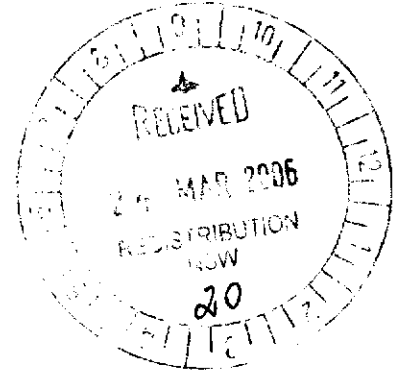
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Please find attached a submission on the proposed electoral redistribution

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Dear Committee,

As a former resident of the Reid electorate and as an historian and heritage consultant I am deeply concerned by recent speculation in the media regarding the possible abolition of Reid as an electorate.

The electorate, which was established in 1922 and named in honour of Australia=s 4th Prime Minister, Sir George Reid, the only PM to sit in the Colonial, Commonwealth and Westminster Parliaments. He had distinguished career, receiving many honours here and in Great Britain. He is listed in the National Diction of Biography for the UK.

Aside from the historical association with the honouring of our 4th PM, the Reid electorate encompasses suburbs such as Granville, Auburn, and Berala which have strong inter-social and community links, as well as commonalities of experience in terms of demographic and socio-economic groupings. As a personal example, while living in Granville, I worked in Auburn, Granville and Merrylands, as did my husband for a time. We both, at one time or the other were involved in community committees such as the Granville Multi-Cultural Centre, and the Francis Fisk Child Care Centre, and as volunteers at the Sydney Children=s Museum, Merrylands. Our Children attended child care in Auburn and vacation-care in Granville. The lives of many of our work colleagues and neighbours were similarly focussed in the electorate. For many the electorate has social significance, as defined under Heritage Assessment criteria by both state and federal governments.

I would like the opportunity to prepare a more detailed submission on the Reid electorate as a cultural heritage entity before a decision is made concerning the fate of this electoral entity.

Yours Sincerely,

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