

The Federal Redistribution 2006 QUEENSLAND



Comment Number Two on Public Suggestions

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Dear Sir/Madam

With the redistribution of Federal electorates in Queensland necessitating the creation of a new seat, I would like to offer a suggestion for the naming of that seat if it is to be based around the town and Shire of Kingaroy, currently within the electorate of Blair.

I have canvassed representatives of the local community, who have indicated their support for the naming of the seat after the prominent local Adermann family. I believe naming the seat Adermann would provide a significant and appropriate acknowledgment of the contribution to the local community by two of its representatives.

Two generations of the Adermann family represented the Kingaroy shire and region for 47 years in Federal Parliament. Both Sir Charles Adermann and his son Evan Adermann were from the Kingaroy area.

Charles Frederick Adermann (1896-1979) was elected in 1943 in the seats of Maranoa (1943 – 1949) and Fisher (1949 – 1972). He was a local dairy farmer, peanut grower and leader in the establishment of the peanut industry in the South Burnett, councillor on the Kingaroy Shire Council, and Chairman of the Queensland Peanut Board, 1924-52. He served as the Federal Minister for Primary Industry from December 1958 to October 1967.

His son Albert Evan Adermann (1927-2001) was elected in 1972, in the seats of Fisher (1972 – 1984) and Fairfax (1984 – 1990). He was a dairy farmer, public accountant, and also a councillor on the Kingaroy Shire Council. He was Federal Minister for the Northern Territory (December 1975 to September 1978), Minister assisting the Minister for National Resources (December 1975 to December 1977), Minister assisting the Minister for Primary Industry (December 1977 to November 1980), and Minister for Veteran's Affairs (July 1978 to November 1980).

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Both these men represented the Kingaroy region actively and memorably, and left a lasting legacy within the community and region. Both were deeply involved in the community, from health to education to conservation and church groups, and both represented our nation and furthered our country's interests during their terms in the Federal Ministry.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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Yours sincerely

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