



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Comment Number 11 on Objections**

**Mr Greg McCann**

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006



Redistribution Committee for Queensland  
GPO Box 2590  
BRISBANE, QLD. 4001.

To The Members of the Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to you today to lodge a strong objection to the proposed name for the new Federal Electorate, soon to be officially named "**Wright**".

I am of the opinion that this name is totally inappropriate for the region, for a number of reasons.

Judith Arundell Wright was born in 1915 in New South Wales and lived in that State and overseas until 1943, when she moved to the south-east corner of Queensland, where she lived for the next twenty years. It is quoted that she was a poet and an academic. If you were to ask the average person in the Central Queensland region, nine out of ten of those people would not have a clue who she was or what her profession was. In my opinion, she has no real or perceived connection with the Central Queensland area.

In fact, most people in Central Queensland immediately associate the name "**Wright**" with the ex-dis-honourable Federal Member for Capricornia, **Keith Webb Wright**. (Incidentally, part of the seat of Capricornia is proposed for the new seat of "**Wright**").

**Keith Webb Wright** was a former State and Federal Member for the ALP and Member for Capricornia during the 1990's. He was convicted of rape and indecent dealing with a girl under the age of fourteen years and sentenced to eight years imprisonment for his despicable crimes.

All of the time that he was committing these offences, he was a weekend Baptist preacher, preaching the protection of innocence of young children.

Most people in this area of Central Queensland vividly recall **Mr Wright's** predatory action with young girls, all under the guise of a lay preacher.

It would appear that very little research in the region was carried out, with regard to the impact of such a thoughtless co-incidence. In my opinion, if you had consulted with people in the region, you would have discovered an overwhelming objection to the name of "**Wright**" and the **distasteful images** that the name congers up for Central Queenslanders. The name "**Wright**" when used in a potical context, and in this instance as the name of a new Federal Electorate, suggests **sleaze and disgust** to most voters.

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Reverend John Flynn is the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which originated in Central Queensland.

Seventy eight years ago, the Reverend John Flynn saw great potential in emerging technology. By combining medicine with radio and aircraft, he created a "mantle of safety" which has saved the lives and livelihoods of countless people living, working and travelling throughout rural and remote Queensland.

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I believed that my suggestion of "**Flynn**" fits the criteria that have been set for the naming of Federal Electorates. **Flynn** is a deceased Australian who has rendered outstanding service to their State and Country, as even today, the Royal Flying Doctor Service is a service that is recognised by people everywhere.

Yours sincerely,

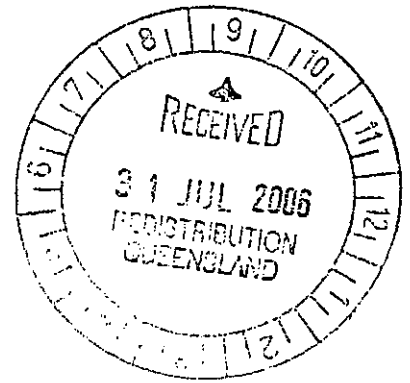
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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006

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To The Members of the Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to you today, to comment on the overwhelming number of objections that you have received regarding the proposed boundaries for the new Federal Electorate, soon to be officially named "**Wright**". What has also struck me is the overwhelming number of individuals and representative organisations here in Central Queensland that have also recognised that the name "**Wright**" is totally inappropriate for the area and for the name of the new electorate.

In particular, I would like to make comment regarding the objections lodged by the Queensland Branch of the AWU, and Mr Evan Schwarten OAM.

I wholeheartedly support the Qld Branch of the AWU and Mr Evan Schwarten and the many other objectors who have lodged their objection to the name "**Wright**". I urge the committee to please listen to these objectors. This is a grossly inappropriate name for this new electorate, and I share this opinion with many, many other concerned Central Queenslanders.

While I agree, with their distaste for the name "**Wright**", I feel that their suggestion of the name "**Theodore**" is somewhat politically biased and I would like to suggest the name of "**Flynn**" for you to consider for the new electorate, after the Reverend John Flynn.

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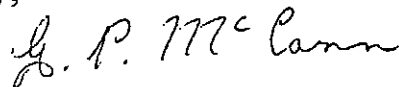
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. P. McCann".

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