

OBJECTION

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I would, as an historian of twentieth century Australian History, wish to raise an objection to the complete disappearance of the name Reid from the Commonwealth NSW electorates as proposed in the redistribution. I understood it was normal practice to try to honour former prime ministers by naming electorates after them. Sir George Reid was a popular colonial premier in NSW and then the first Leader of the Federal Opposition in 1901 and served as Prime Minister in 1904-5 as well as the first Australian High Commissioner in London.

I have no opinion on the boundary changes being proposed but if Reid is to be abolished then surely the name should be transferred to another NSW electorate. All of Reid's contemporaries- Barton, Deakin, Watson, Fisher and Hughes have their electorates named after them.

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