

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **103**

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The Electoral Commission
CANBERRA

RE : THE PROPOSED ABOLITION OF THE SEAT OF REID

I WISH TO SUBMIT MY OBJECTIONS TO THE ABOLITION OF THE SEAT OF REID. THIS SEAT COMMEMORATES THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT GEORGE REID, PREMIER OF THE COLONY OF NSW, FOURTH PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, FIRST HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON, MADE TO THE CHARACTER OF AUSTRALIA.

AS PREMIER HE INITIATED AND SUPPORTED LEGISLATION THAT BROUGHT EQUITY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY, THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION, LAND MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WITH LIMITED CAPITAL, AND BENEFITS FOR THE ORDINARY AUSTRALIAN. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATES BROUGHT BALANCE INTO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO HIS EMPHASIS UPON SUPREMACY FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE POPULAR HOUSE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EVEN IF THIS SEAT CANNOT BE RETAINED I BELIEVE THAT GEORGE REID'S NAME SHOULD BE RETAINED IN SOME PUBLIC WAY TO HONOUR HIS SIGNIFICANCE IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY.

YOURS SINCERELY
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