

# **OBJECTION**

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**Objection Number 105**

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Objection to the abolition of the Electorate of Reid

I write as the grandson of Sir George Houston Reid after whom the electorate of Reid was named.

The use of an individual's name in respect of an electorate conveys recognition of that person's service to the nation as pointed out in the Commission's executive summary in relation to Sir William McMahon.

The Reid family is extremely disappointed at the proposed removal of an important memorial to one of the most influential of the founding fathers of the Commonwealth of Australia.

I understand that the Commission could have internal rules with regard to the naming of changed electorates but, in this case, all the public will perceive is a change from George Reid to William McMahon. In effect a memorial to one of the founders of the Commonwealth and an important part of our nation's history and heritage will have been obliterated by the application of what seems to be an internal procedural rule of the Electoral Commission and its committees that places no value on the continued existence of selected electorates. Replacing existing electorate names with new ones only serves to compound the problem.

I am confident that such an outcome was never foreseen when the electorate of Reid was named or when the rules of the Electoral Commission were developed.

I would like to register my formal objection to the renaming of the combined electorates of Reid and Lowe to McMahon.

I suggest that the name Reid should be retained for the combined electorates.

I would respectfully suggest that the Electoral Commissioner should exercise his power to achieve this end. If that is not currently possible or appropriate I believe the matter is important enough to require the attention of the Minister and/or the Parliament.

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