

# OBJECTION

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by

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**From:** Sandal Sandal [sandalross@yahoo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 September 2009 4:01 PM  
**To:** NSW Redistribution  
**Subject:** Reid - A Protest

To Whom it May Concern.

Dear Sir,

This is my personal very strong objection to the idea of the name Reid being removed from the Seat of Reid. I am Sir George Houstoun Reid's only grand-daughter. I have studied his life and his immense contribution to Australia very carefully indeed. His contribution is extremely well researched in Prof. W.G. McMinn in his biography of Reid. Prof. McMinn makes it clear that Reid was the true Father of Federation in Australia and that he also worked very hard indeed in the UK in Australia's interests when he was the first High Commissioner to the UK and also when he was voted into the House of Commons.

I remember my father, Clive Reid, George Reid's younger son, saying that his father was determined from the first to dedicate his life to helping create a very fair and just system for the Australian people. That is one reason why, when he was made the Minister for Public Instruction, he worked so hard to set up the State School system so every child would have an education and thus a fair chance in life.

I trust the Australian Electoral Commission will continue to permit Reid's name to be honored.

However I do recall my father telling me his father's motto was 'Be prepared for any eventuality', So I am endeavoring to do this but I shall be extremely disappointed if this request and others which may also have been lodged, are not taken very seriously indeed and that his name continues to be honored.

Yours Sincerely,  
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