



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 59

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SIR It's come to my attention news of redistribution of Federal seats. Seat which some members of committee to be named for Weight? I do object.

I as a citizen of Australia support LEONARD WATERS, it is more appropriate, he was NOT just BEN WATERS, he was a HERO OF Australia, of all Australians and country, he was to many thousand Australians in BORNO as "Black Magic", Let LEN WATERS be as Queensland "Black Magic" for us all.

Let his spirit look on Queensland, with love and pride. I can not compose poetry with man, Leonard Waters who risk his life for thousands of Australians, including me to live in this country.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Harris



Is new electoral seat al-Wright?

BRISBANE mayor Paul Pascale and Federal Member for Oxley, Bernie Ripoll, have already given it their tick of approval, but now it is the public's turn to decide whether the Redistribution Committee for Queensland has got it right with their proposed federal electoral redistribution.

Under the proposal, which was made public on July 24, a new seat will be created which will gain 38,449 electors from Blair, 6220 electors from Fadden, 38,640 electors from Forde, 5640 from McPherson, 5125 from Moncrieff and 8068 from Rankin.

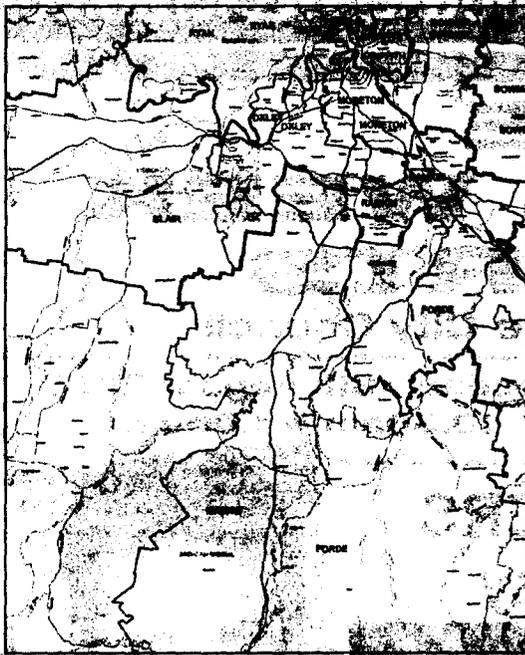
The name for the new seat is proposed to be Wright, after Queensland poet Judith Wright.

In their report, the committee said it considered Wright to be an appropriate choice of name because of Ms Wright's association with the area in which the new division is located, particularly Mount Tamborine.

Other seats that will face changes in the redistribution include Oxley, with the proposal to move Oxley's northern boundary to the Brisbane River and thereby gain 17,053 electors from Ryan.

The committee also proposed to contract Oxley on its eastern and western boundaries, transferring 11,788 electors to Moreton, 14,729 electors to Rankin and 5537 electors to Blair (in the vicinity of Springfield Lakes and Collingwood Park).

■ **Objections to the redistribution proposal must be lodged before 6pm on Friday, August 21. Objections can be lodged: in person to the**



BIG CHANGE: A map of the proposed redistribution.

Australian Electoral Commission, 7th Floor, 488 Queen Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000; by mail to GPO Box 2590, Brisbane, Qld, 4001; by fax to (07) 3834 3452; or by email to qld.redistribution@aec.gov.au.

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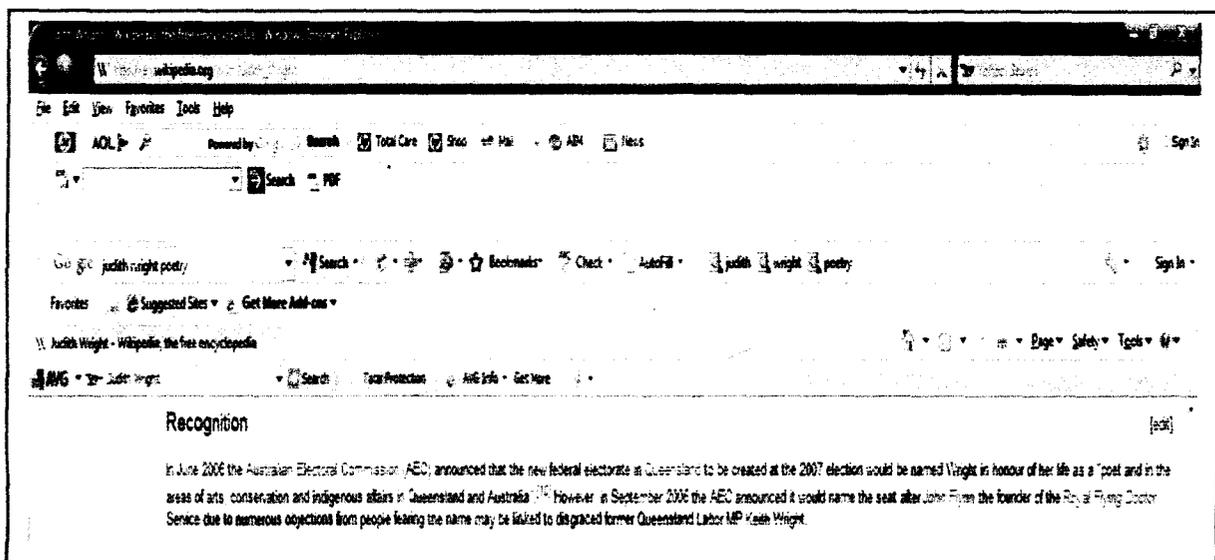
Good Morning

Objection to the Proposed New Queensland Division's Name

In 2006, the Australian Electoral Commission originally recommended "WRIGHT" as the new Electoral Division name but did not proceed with it as the public uproar regarding the name "WRIGHT".

When I saw the recent announcement in The Sunday Mail on 26 July 2009, with the new electoral division's name as "WRIGHT", I immediately thought of Keith Wright – former Australian Labor Party politician and convicted rapist. Not only did I associate the name Wright with the disgraced Labor politician, but so did my family and friends.

Within the Proposed Report QLD 2009, the argument for the naming of the New Queensland Division as Wright at Reference Points 77 to 87 does not alleviate the confusion of the name, WRIGHT. Many Queenslanders will always associate the name with the disgraced politician. The acknowledgement of the confusion of the name Wright is recorded on the below website.



It seems that prior to the closure of nominations for the new Queensland Division's Name on 8 May that the name "WRIGHT" was the only one being considered since it was overlooked in 2006.

Alternative Name suggested for the Proposed New Queensland Division's Name - WATERS

As the New Electoral Division is in Queensland, then I believe that Len Waters represented Queensland as the only Aboriginal Fighter pilot in the RAAF, more honourably than Judith Wright. My father may have been born at Boomi, New South Wales, but his family moved and settled in

Queensland. He joined the Air Force in St George, Queensland on 24 August 1942 and settled in St George at the end of the war. My father was proud to be the only Aboriginal fighter pilot in the RAAF even though the Australian Government abandoned him at the end of the Second World War. He resumed life as a manual labourer and was a staunch unionist and Australian Labor Party supporter until his death on 24 August 1993.

There were five recommendations for my father, Len Waters, out of the 47 submissions received for the new Queensland Division's Name nominations on 8 May 2009. The recommendations included one from a Member of Parliament and the members of Squadron who flew with my father during World War II.

*I support LEN WATERS, therefore
Let be WATERS NOT WRIGHT!*

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NEWS

New electorate could be named after Inala man

QUEENSLAND's proposed new federal seat could be named Waters, after long-time Inala resident, Leonard Waters.

Mr Waters' widow is among those who have put forward his name to be considered, as the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) invited suggestions from the public on the proposed redistribution of Queensland's federal electorates.

Mr Waters, who lived in Inala for more than 30 years, was the first Australian Aboriginal military pilot and was only one of four indigenous people to serve in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II.

While he was born in New South Wales and lived many years in St George, Mr Waters raised his family in Inala, and his widow, Gladys Waters, currently lives in Middle Park.

Submissions to the AEC closed on Friday, and among Mrs Waters' submission, was a submission from Federal Member for Moreton, Graham Perrett.

In his submission, Mr Perrett said: "Mr Water's life has already been commemorated in several ways such as his depiction on an Australian Post stamp and a

monument being erected to him in St George.

"Given Len Waters served his country and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer in the RAAF at a time in Australia's history when he wasn't even eligible to vote, I believe the naming of the new Queensland electorate after him is a fitting tribute to honour his legacy and sacrifice."

Other people to put Mr Water's name forward were Ray and Moya Deane who said Mr Waters "stands as a role model to all Australians regardless of ethnic background".

Another submitter, Robert Buchan said "recognising him in the naming of this electorate would be contributing to Reconciliation between all Australians".

The 78 Squadron Association, Maxine Benouf, Alastair W. Nicholson and Jamboree councillor, Matthew Bourke also supported a new electorate being named Waters.

The AEC redistribution committee's proposal for the new electorate boundaries and name will be published in July. After the proposal is made, the public will be able to make further objections and comments.



LOCAL LEGEND: A new federal seat could be named after Leonard Waters.