



THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
**QUEENSLAND**

## Submission S33

Anonymous 7

# Queensland Federal Redistribution

## Suggestion:

For this suggestion, I have offered for the name of **Petrie** to be retired, with the seat based around the Redcliffe Peninsula to be renamed in honour of Arthur Beetson (1945-2012).

Arthur Beetson, a former Rugby League Player and Coach, is widely recognised as the first Indigenous Australian to captain the country at any international level sport, doing so for the Australian Kangaroos for the first time in 1973. He also contributed much of his rugby league career – both as a player and a coach – to the Redcliffe Dolphins.

I have noted that it is unprecedented for a federal electoral division to be named for a sportsperson. Indeed, there are electoral divisions named for convicts, artists, poets, and authors, while none are named for any significant sportspeople. However, sporting achievements have always been a cornerstone for Australia's national identity, and sportspeople should be afforded an opportunity to have federal electoral divisions named for them. Given Arthur Beetson's status as one of the most noted Indigenous Australian sportspeople, being the first Indigenous Australians to captain the country nationally, naming a seat for Beetson must be considered.

The retirement of the name "Petrie" should not be considered a denigration of Andrew Petrie's contribution to Australian society, but as an opportunity to honour a noted Indigenous Australian.

I thank the AEC for the opportunity to provide a suggestion for the Queensland redistribution. I also wish for my name to be kept anonymous.