



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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Good Morning

**Lodging of Objection to Proposed new Queensland Federal Division Name - WRIGHT  
Recommendation that the Proposed new Queensland Federal Division Name - WATERS**

**Objection Lodgement by 5:00pm on Friday 21 August 2009**

I apologise for the lateness in my email but I have been lobbying several people in regards to this matter.

My family are seeking your support in lodging an objection to naming of the new Queensland Federal Division - Wright to **WATERS**. I have drafted a letter to the Australian Electoral Officer for Queensland listing the reason for the objection to the name Wright.

Copies of the newspaper articles on this naming of the new Queensland Federal Division - Wright and the process for lodging an objection are attached for your perusal. Further information can be obtained from the AEC website - [http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2009/qld/propsed\\_report/proposed\\_report\\_qld2009.pdf](http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2009/qld/propsed_report/proposed_report_qld2009.pdf)

You can lodge your objection to this email address is [qld.redistribution@aec.gov.au](mailto:qld.redistribution@aec.gov.au).

If you need to discuss this matter as the closing date is on Friday, please ring me on 0401 347 895.

On behalf of my family, I thank you for your support.

regards

Jules (Julia Lang)

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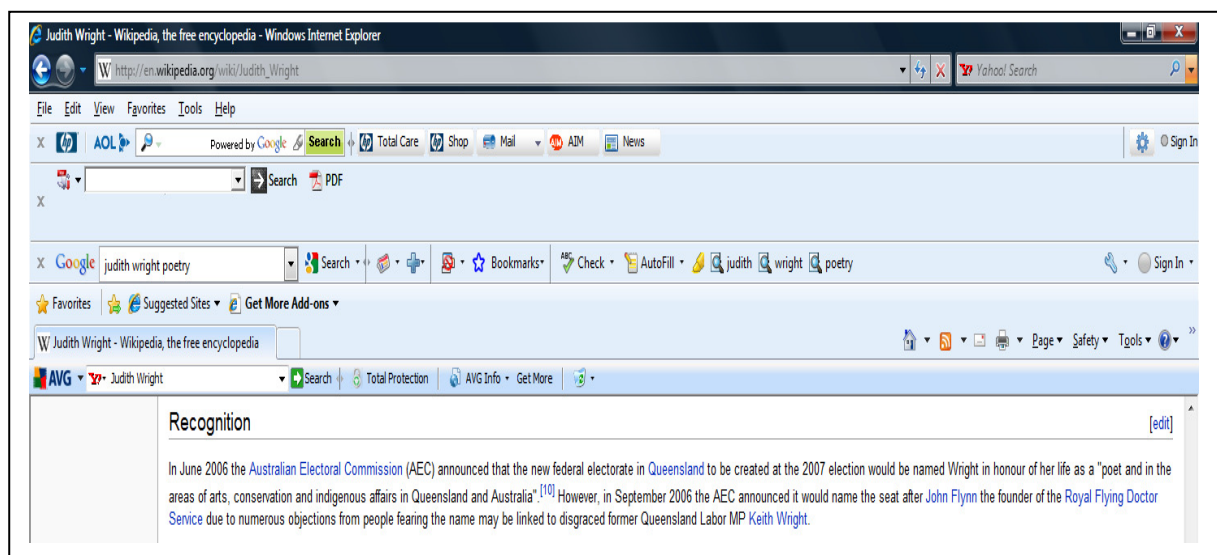
Good Morning

### **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. Mr Waters was born in 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. Mr Waters 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 his life as a manual labourer and was a staunch unionist and Australian Labor Party supporter until his death on 24 August 1993.

There were nine 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 two Members of Parliament submitting recommendations, Jamboree Councillor, the members of Squadron who flew with Mr Waters during World War II and his family and friends. The comments on the submissions included that Mr Waters "stands as a role model to all Australians regardless of ethnic background", "recognising him in the naming of this electorate would be contributing to Reconciliation between all Australians", "Mr Waters' 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 Mr 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 eligible to vote, I believe the naming of the new Queensland electorate after him is a fitting tribute to honour his legacy and sacrifice."

**Recommendation for the new Queensland Electoral Division's Name - WATERS:**

That WATERS is the new Queensland Electoral Division's name instead of WRIGHT which will always be synonymise with Keith WRIGHT the former Australian Labor Party politician and convicted rapist. Mr Waters honourably served Australia during a time of crisis and was proud of his heritage.

With regards

Leonie Dickson



The Redistribution Committee for Queensland has made a proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in Queensland.

Members of the public and organisations are invited to inspect the suggestions and comments on those suggestions lodged with the Redistribution Committee for Queensland, along with the report of the Redistribution Committee which contains reasons for the proposed redistribution and detailed maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division.

### What is a redistribution?

A redistribution is a redrawing of electoral boundaries to ensure that, as far as practicable, there are the same number of electors in each division within a state or territory. In making the proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee takes into account community of interests, communication and transport links, physical features, and the current boundaries.

### Why is a redistribution being conducted?

A redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in Queensland is required due to the change of entitlement to the number of members in the House of Representatives from 29 to 30. In accordance with section 59 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) the Electoral Commission therefore directed that a redistribution commence on 19 February 2009.

### What has happened so far?

A Redistribution Committee was appointed on 21 April 2009. Notices inviting suggestions and comments were placed in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 25 March 2009 and in *The Courier-Mail* and *The Sunday Mail* newspapers on 28 and 29 March 2009 respectively. 26 suggestions and 47 comments on the suggestions were received and considered by the Redistribution Committee in the development of its proposal.

### The proposed divisions

Projected enrolment growth across the state means that divisional boundaries must be reviewed to ensure, as far as possible, there are equal numbers of electors in each division. The Redistribution Committee has proposed changes to a number of federal electoral boundaries in order to meet the numerical parameters that are prescribed in the Electoral Act.

The Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries make use of local government boundaries, main roads and geographical features, and take into account transport and communication links across and between communities. The Committee also gave consideration to community of interests.

The Committee has proposed that the new division be situated in the south east of Queensland.

### Names of proposed divisions

The Redistribution Committee has proposed that all current divisional names be retained and that the new division be named Wright.

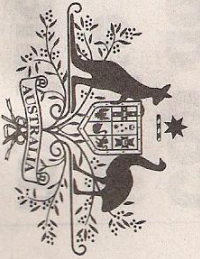
### Want more information?

The Redistribution Committee's report is available for inspection at all Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) Divisional Offices in Queensland, at the AEC's State Office in each capital city, at the National Office in Canberra and on the AEC website <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2009/qld>. For the address of the nearest AEC office, please phone 13 23 26.

Copies of the report are available from the office of the:

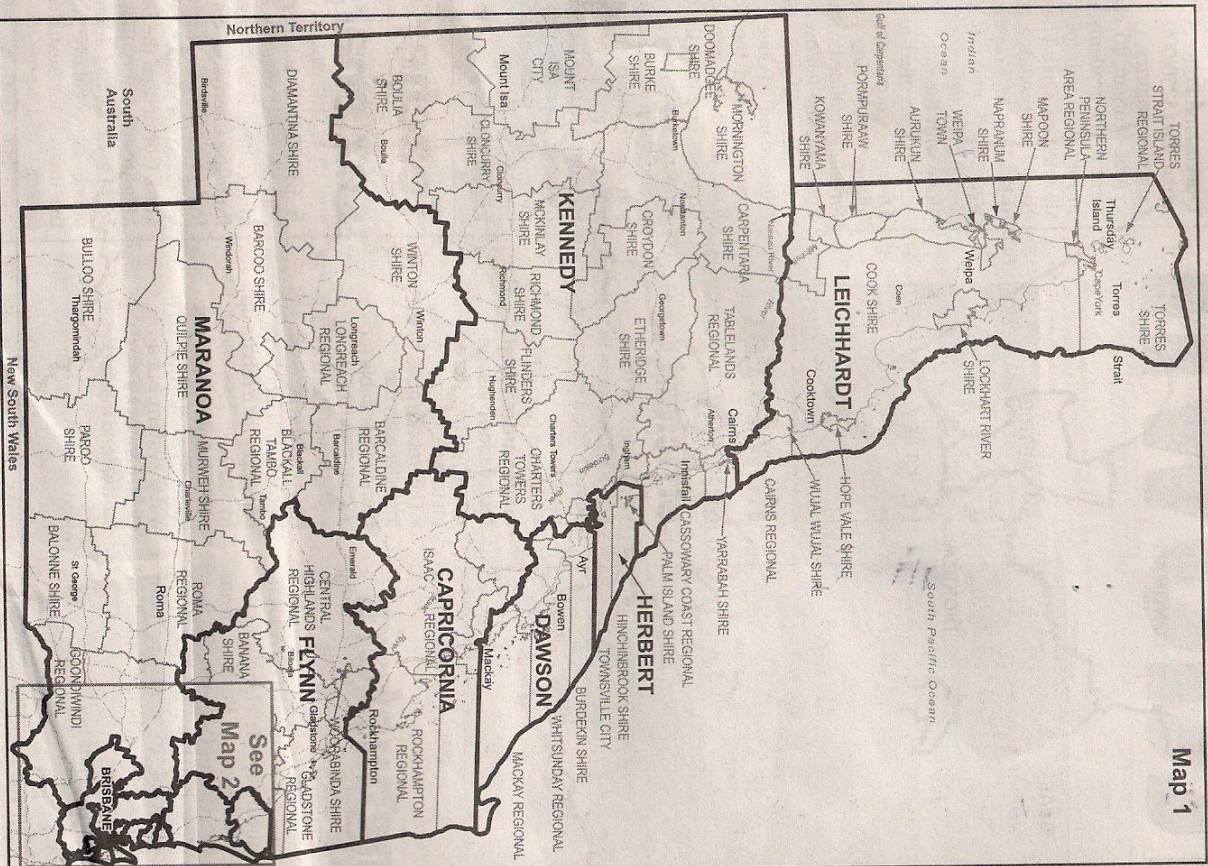
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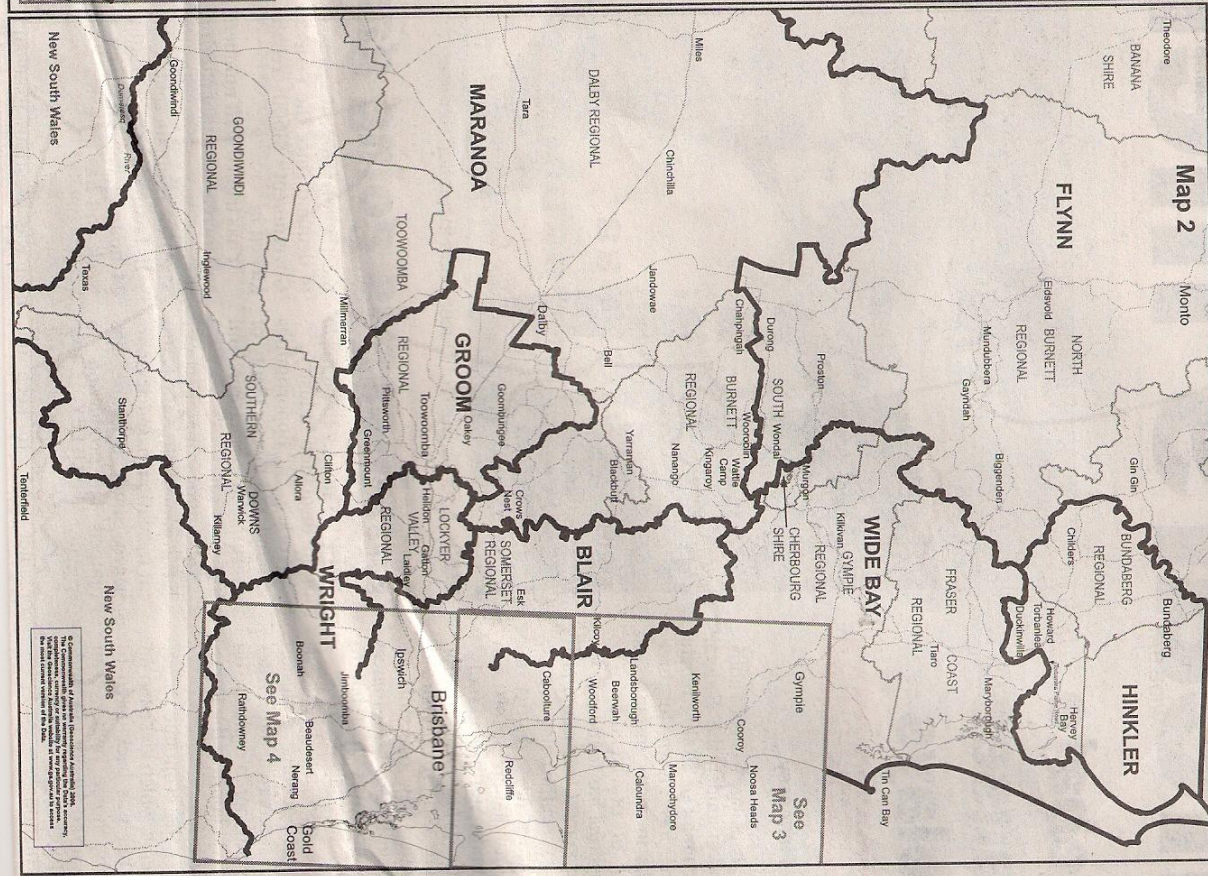


# Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland

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Map 2

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Northern Territory  
South Australia  
New South Wales

New South Wales

New South Wales

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# Is new electoral seat al-Wright?

IPSWICH mayor Paul Pisasale 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 30,452 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 11,786 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](mailto:qld.redistribution@aec.gov.au).



# 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.



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