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Attention: Electoral Officer for Queensland

I wish to support the proposal that the name "WATERS" be given to the new Queensland electorate.

My support arises from the research I have undertaken into the military service of Len Waters.

His self belief and determination saw this humble man with very little academic education, achieve his dream of flying, despite the obstacles that were placed before him. He did not accept that as an Aboriginal he was any different to the other Australians who were joining the WW2 armed services.

During the war, Len Waters served with honour, efficiency and dedication for a country where he wasn't even allowed to cast a vote.

After the conflict ended, Mr Waters was thwarted by bureaucracy in his dream to establish his own air freight enterprise. There is no doubt that it was his Aboriginal lineage that was the major factor for the negative response from the Government of the day.

By applying his name to the new electorate, the contribution to Australia and to the Aboriginal people by Len Waters would be a true and fitting recognition of a job well done.

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