



Comment on objection 35

The Hon Christopher Pyne MP

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Renaming of the Division of Wakefield

I agree with the Commission regarding the retention of the names of nine of South Australia's electoral divisions.

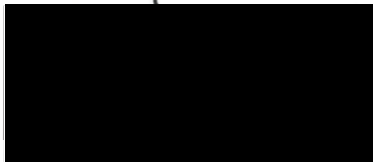
The division of Wakefield should be renamed given the change from a hybrid urban-rural electoral division to one with a predominantly urban focus. The division of Sturt will undergo no such change on the proposed boundaries and there are no strong reasons to rename Sturt.

In addition to the factors already identified by the Commission in favour of renaming the division of Wakefield, it should be noted that Edward Gibbon Wakefield was imprisoned for three years for the abduction of a fifteen year old girl and there is no known record that Wakefield had actually ever visited South Australia. Wakefield was first introduced to South Australia by reading the published works of Captain Charles Sturt.

Captain Sturt was instrumental in the European exploration of Australia and conducted many expeditions in search of an inland sea. On his second major expedition in 1830, Captain Sturt and his party reached Lake Alexandrina and then the Murray Mouth having set out from Sydney. In 1844 Captain Sturt set out on his third and final expedition with John McDouall Stuart, leaving from Adelaide and making it as far north as the Simpson Desert.

Captain Charles Sturt had a long and famous connection to South Australia and he and his family lived here from 1839 to 1847 and again from 1849 to 1853. While in South Australia, Captain Sturt served as the Surveyor-General, Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Colonial Treasurer, and later Colonial Secretary.

I acknowledge the objection of the Hon Neil Andrew AO, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the renaming of Wakefield but respectfully suggest that the renaming of the division of Wakefield would not in any way diminish the very high regard in which the former Members for Wakefield are held.



25 May 2018.