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Details:	I I disagree with Callans suggestion to rename a federal electorate in honour of Wayne Goss. This is a redistribution of federal electorates, yet Callans argument for the proposed renaming is based on Gosss legacy in state politics, particularly his service as Premier of Queensland. The naming guidelines state that federal electorates are usually named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country. They do not specifically refer to service to a state.

While Wayne Goss undoubtedly made a significant contribution to Queensland, I believe there is an important distinction between recognising service at the state level and recognising service to the nation when naming a federal electorate.

If Callan believes Wayne Gosss contribution as a former Premier warrants this recognition, then a state electorate would seem a more appropriate choice. Federal electorate names should reflect the purpose and scope of federal representation, rather than primarily commemorate service in state politics.