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Submission: Names
Details: I agree with Ty Hardin that the Divisions of Capricornia, Kennedy and Maranoa should be renamed. I also agree that consideration should be given to using Aboriginal names.
However, I disagree with the names proposed for these three electorates. All of them are the names of geographical features, specifically rivers.
I note that the non-binding naming guidelines state that locality or place names should generally be avoided. I assume there are several reasons for this:
Naming an electorate after a geographical feature could create an expectation that the feature must remain

within the electorate in the future, potentially constraining future boundary changes.

The geographical feature might not actually be located within the electorate. Given the size of Queenslands electorates, this would seem quite possible, particularly as only two Queensland electorates have an area of less than 100 square kilometres.

Geographical names are often used for other features or locations, which may mean that multiple features or locations are named for the geographical name but are not within the electorate of that geographical name, which could therefore cause confusion.

Given these considerations, wouldnt it be better to name an electorate after an Aboriginal person or use an Aboriginal word for an object, concept or other aspect of culture, rather than naming it after a geographical feature?