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> Dear Commissioners,

> This is a short personal submission. I hope I may be permitted to make some comments, even though I am not a resident of Queensland.

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> I would urge the Commission, in its final recommendations, to consider departing from the recent practice of naming some electoral districts after prominent people and revert to the more conventional approach of electoral districts being named after geographic areas, landmarks or settlements.

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> I would respectfully submit that one of the primary drivers of any redistribution is to, wherever possible, lessen likelihood of voter confusion. Naming electoral districts after an historical figure who might or might not have some link with an area does not assist in this, in fact it can cloud understanding, especially when the largest percentage of persons joining the roll each year would be 18 year olds, shortly to vote for the first time.

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> The other perennial problem is that however worthy or significant a notable person might be in some eyes, that person might be controversial in the eyes of others. This is particularly so when former politicians are chosen for electoral district names.

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> Lastly, adhering to geographical names promotes community of interest which is an important function of a redistribution, and which is ultimately important to Members of Parliament elected to seats who seek to represent homogenous (as far as possible) communities who have common needs in areas such as transport, health facilities, schools and other civil services.

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> I have no comment on the other draft proposals about boundaries, other than to express the hope that community of interest is high in the minds of the Commission, but I do hope you conclude that geographic names are desirable for the next electoral maps. Famous people can be honoured in other ways.

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> I wish the Commissioners well in their important task.

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> Yours faithfully,

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> Don Morris

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