



Comment on objection 3

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Dear Committee members

I have subjected your *Proposed redistribution of South Australia into electoral divisions* to significant study and I have no objection of any kind to any of your proposals. Why, then, would I bother to write to you? The answer is to commend you upon your proposal that there be a federal division of Spence at the 2019 general election.

I claim to be something of an electoral reformer myself and I am currently writing a book on that subject. One of the things I have been thinking about is to name the electoral reformers of the past by each quarter century. So far I have decided the names of Andrew Inglis Clark and Catherine Helen Spence should be recorded for the first quarter of the 20th Century, Ben Chifley for the second quarter, Gough Whitlam for the third quarter and Neville Wran for the last quarter of the 20th century.

It would give me great pleasure to note that the 2019 election had federal electoral divisions of both Clark and Spence. Some day in the future (when there is an increase in the size of Parliament) I shall propose that the NSW map should contain a Division of Wran. In the meantime I rejoice that the 2019 map will include the names of Clark and Spence.

Yours sincerely

