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Australian Electoral Commission

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Re: Objections to the proposed redistribution of Victoria – Division of McMillan

As a voter in the seat of McMillan I write to lodge an objection of the recommendation of a change of name of my electorate from McMillan to Monash. I believe this should be reconsidered following concerns from the City on Monash about confusion and I ask why not use an aboriginal name? Why not listen to the people of the area?

I do believe that there would be confusion between the division and the municipality of Monash. I also believe Monash is well remembered unlike many aboriginal people with a university and statues.

As a local resident and voter I totally and utterly support a name chosen by Aboriginal Communities.

I also note that the AEC guidelines favour the adoption of Aboriginal names 'where appropriate', and made reference in its grounds for getting rid of McMillan that it was not an Aboriginal name.

Please follow your guidelines and let local Aboriginal Communities choose a name, this would be a small step in the reconciliation process and one that should be taken as every step counts

If you let Aboriginal Communities choose a name then there will be no confusion and I believe everyone will be happy.

Yours sincerely,

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