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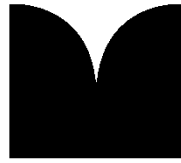
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CITY OF  
**MONASH**

VICTORIAN FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION

OBJECTION TO RE-NAMING OF FEDERAL SEAT OF MCMILLAN

INTRODUCTION

At its 24 April 2018 Ordinary Meeting, the Council of the City of Monash resolved to make a submission, objecting to the re-naming of the seat of McMillan to Monash, on the basis that it is more appropriate that the seat of Hotham be renamed Monash.

OBJECTION

Whilst there is no objection to the re-naming of the seat of McMillan, the choice of the name Monash is not supported for the following reasons:

- it is possible, and indeed likely, that it will lead to geographical place confusion with areas in the City of Monash; and
- because the location of the proposed new boundaries for the seat of Hotham is a much more appropriate seat to be chosen to recognise General Sir John Monash.

Although General Sir John Monash was a Victorian, and a Victorian seat should be named in his honour, the strong association with his name has been established with the Monash Council region since 1958, firstly with the establishment of Monash University, and in subsequent decades Monash Medical Centre, Monash Freeway and Monash City Council.

The association with the Monash name provides the Monash Council region with a strong and clear sense of place identity.

To rename a Gippsland-based seat as Monash has the distinct ability to confuse people as to the location of that seat.

It would be much more appropriate to re-name the seat of Hotham in honour of General Sir John Monash.

The proposed boundaries for Hotham are a significant change to the way the seat has historically been located, by moving it from being based in Melbourne's south-east to moving further north.

The proposed new boundaries for Hotham make it heavily centred on Monash Council, comprising Monash University, Monash Medical Centre and the busiest section of the Monash Freeway.

Re-naming Hotham as Monash is unlikely to be controversial.

Hotham is named after Charles Hotham who only came to Melbourne from Britain to take on the post of Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria (he later became Governor).

Hotham was a controversial figure. He was not popular and provoked one of the most significant periods of Australian history – the Eureka Stockade.

General Sir John Monash on the other hand, is universally regarded as a great Australian – someone who achieved much for the Allied Forces in the First World War but who also contributed significantly to civil life.

General Sir John Monash's contribution to Australia is beyond challenge (whereas Hotham's is controversial) and his connection to this part of Melbourne is self-evident (whereas Hotham's is non-existent).

Based on the foregoing, the City of Monash submits that the Victorian Federal seat of Hotham, not the seat of McMillan, be re-named Monash.