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Post Polio Victoria

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Attached is a submission from Post Polio Victoria Inc.



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Dear Commissioners

We are writing to support the renaming of Melbourne Ports to McNamara.

Post Polio Victoria is a volunteer managed and staffed advocacy and information group. Formed in 2011, it has over 160 members, most of whom are people with polio.

'Macnamara' provides the opportunity to recognise one of Australia's leading medical clinician scientists, who was well known amongst our members for her work in the polio epidemics and the on going care of the many patients who had paralytic polio.

Dame Jean, as she was known to us, was a brilliant scientist. However, the legacy we will celebrate is the research into the treatment of polio which enabled many to recover with as straight a spine as possible, legs of similar lengths and less damaged muscles than might have been. These were her focus in the consultations we had at Fairfield or the Children's Hospital, or at her Collins or Springs St rooms, or at her home in Sth Yarra. Many of us recall the meticulous attention to detail, the sessions with the splint makers and physiotherapists as she customised our treatment and devised ways to reeducate our muscles.

We are also supportive of the recognition of an outstanding woman of science and medicine who achieved much in an era when it was uncommon for women to graduate in these areas, let alone to achieve so much and to be knighted for these achievements.

Yours sincerely

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