



Objection 139

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To the Naming Committee

Please select a name for our time

Please play it forward!

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I am interested in reconciliation with the Aboriginal people of this area. I am pleased that the AEC has responded to requests for the name, McMillan to go.

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I think we should know the grounds for this.

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3. They considered they were putting forward 'Bunjileene-Purrine' in good faith.
4. Many people supporting an improved relationship with the Aboriginal community were pleased that this decision was agreed upon by these groups.

Yet the proposal for an Aboriginal name seems to have been overlooked.

Was the Naming Committee listening to authoritative and conservative voices and ignoring those of this community? If this was so, I believe this is old-fashioned and a shortcoming. It does appear to be an inability 'to play it forward'!

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A significant group of people including Aboriginal people, see that this name could mark a turning point.

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