



# Objection 18

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I object to the name Bean for the southern ACT electorate. Firstly, while acknowledging the accomplishments of Charles Bean, the fact is his name is a word more commonly associated with a vegetable, and when associated with a human is more commonly associated with the Rowan Atkinson character Mr Bean. This makes the southern electorate a bit of a joke.

Secondly, many of Australia's electorates are already named after men. The ACT already has one electorate named after a man. It doesn't need a second electorate named after a man. Far better to name the new electorate after a woman.

Third, if we can't get constitutional recognition of the original and ongoing connection of indigenous people to the land – the least we can do is acknowledge their activists in our federal parliament through naming electorates after them.

It's for these three reasons I suggest to the redistribution committee that they reconsider Bean as the name of the electorate and select the name Cullen instead.