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Question: As a former senior public servant, 1956-1994, Prime Minister's Department and last of all Director, Australian War Memorial, steeped in Australia's military history and C.E.W. Bean, I was frankly amazed that "Bean" should be the name advanced for a new Canberra electorate. We have spent the last four years wallowing in the Centenary of Anzac with Bean up to our eyebrows. There should be a sensible end to this business. Charles Bean was an able official historian of Australia in WWI, but he is far from the top of Australian historians and does not deserve an electorate in his name. Indeed as he declined official honours several times over he would be embarrassed by this. Paddy Gourley in The Public Sector Informant (Canberra Times, May 1, 2018) strongly suggests Roland Wilson would be a far superior choice and I agree totally and happily put forward "Wilson" as the name for the new electorate. Sadly the likes of Bunting, Wheeler, Yeend and others I have known are no longer here to support the case for this truly outstanding person. Yours, Brendon Kelson