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Please find below my OBJECTION to the naming of the 3rd electorate in Canberra as **BEAN**:

There are a number of reasons why I believe BEAN is an inappropriate name – and we can do better.

Firstly: I am not opposed to and feel it is important to be acknowledging, remembering and recognising C. E. W Bean for his historical work of recording of the First World War, as Australia's official war correspondent and for being a driving force behind the establishment of the Australian War Memorial.

However – he, along with his colleague Keith Murdoch, are also seen by many as a somewhat controversial figures including for their efforts to have General John Monash removed from his command.

Personally: I would prefer that we NOT have our electorate name associated with 'war', but instead focus on a name associated with a vision for our future, a peaceful future.

Consideration could also be given to a name that strengthens our connection with our local Indigenous people.

NAMADGI is among the options that could be considered.

Or perhaps other names/words from the **NGUNNAWAL** language could be considered.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ngunnawal_language

Finally: I've been advised that twelve possible names were put forward to the AEC by the four person Committee who were tasked with deciding on a name for our 3rd electorate. However the names these Committee members put forward were ignored/over-ruled and the name **BEAN** chosen instead.

If this is the case, it is most disappointing – and makes me wonder why putting this task to the committee was done in the first place?

Sincerely
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