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We have agreed to lodge a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission regarding the recent proposal, amongst various other matters, to name the new electoral division within the Australian Capital Territory, 'Bean'.

Our primary concern relates specifically to the relevance of the proposed name.

Previously, in 1996, the decision was made to name the then new ACT electorate, the seat of Namadgi. This was a name that resonated throughout the local community with its indigenous association and as the name of the new national park.

We appreciate that the AEC currently tends to avoid locality names and that the focus is on prominent, departed individuals and their association with that locality. In this regard, we believe that the case outlined for the current name is at best tenuous, that it fails to resonate with the broader community, that it ignores many prominent and deserving individuals that have a far greater association with this part of the Australian Capital Territory. We would remind the Committee that the Australian War Memorial is not within the southern area of the Australian Capital Territory.

We are also concerned that the placing of a notice in the Canberra Times on one Saturday in October 2017 along with a single notice in the Gazette, does not represent a reasonable effort to engage with the affected voters of the ACT on the new boundaries or the naming of the new electorate. The few responses received (See Table D of the Redistribution Committee report) suggest that a more comprehensive effort was needed.

We believe that a reopening of the naming process would at least provide our local community with a better focused opportunity than the one undertaken to canvas options that reflect both relevance and connectivity.

Yours Sincerely

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