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To the Australian Electoral Commission

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Objection to the proposed naming of the new Division of Hawke

In light of the current and appropriate public outrage regarding the status and safety of women in our community, naming a new electorate after Robert 'Bob' Hawke at this time is inappropriate.

Though there is nothing conclusive on the public record, there is sufficient controversy regarding public allegations relating to his treatment of his wife Hazel, his daughter Rosslyn (and others), that the honour of an electorate in his name is not warranted.

Such action could be read as a direct insult to the campaign to address societal treatment and safety of women, and given that electorate names are a political institution, the treatment of women in politics in particular.

Yours sincerely,

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