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Submission to Australian Electoral Commission for Redistribution of Boundaries in Victoria.

In the State of Victoria because of population growth, the A E C has determined that Victoria will have a new Division.

This decision may result in Boundary changes to create one, two or more adjustments to boundaries. I do not wish to comment on the process or number of possible new un-named Divisions as I have neither the mathematical or geographical knowledge to do so. However, I wish to submit the following suggestion for the naming of a new Victorian Division.

The naming of a new Division is a rare opportunity:

- to acknowledge an important historical event
- to recognise an important contribution to Australian society.

I propose the name **"Gillard"** for a new electoral Boundary in Victoria.

Historical Event

Julia Gillard is the first woman Prime Minister of Australia. She was the 27th Prime Minister of Australia from 24th June 2010-20th June 2013.

She represented the people of Lawler in Victoria.

Contribution to Australian Society

In the office of PM Julia Gillard led the way for other women to aspire to leadership roles.

Despite facing internal division in her own party, Gillard pushed ahead with important legislation changes in Disable Care, Education (Gonski reforms), and the establishment of the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.

Julia Gillard retired from political life in June 2013 and has since pursued interests that are making an important contribution to Australian and international life:

- Chair of Beyond Blue
- Chair of Global Partnerships for Education (a funding body for education in developing third world countries).
- Inaugural chair Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King' College London.

I have been brief and I hope strong in making a case for naming a new electoral Division in Victoria , House of Representatives after Julia Gillard . Over 300 of my U3A members had the privilege of listening and questioning Julia Gillard on Zoom in Term 3, 2020 when she spoke of her current work and passion to advance women in leadership.

Respectfully

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