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# , Yvonne - Redistribution SA - Submission on the proposed South Australian redistribution (feedback on ideas)

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## Submission on the proposed South Australian redistribution details

**Category:** Names

**Details:** I would like to support Opal idea in OB401 to rename Barker for David Unaipon.  
As a Ngarrindjeri man from Point McLeay Mission, now known as Raukkan in the Coorong region, Barker would be the appropriate electorate to recognise him.  
Mr Unaipon was an inventor, who took out provisional patents for 19 inventions but couldn't afford full patents. He developed plans for a flying machine that used spinning blades allowing it to rise straight up; much like the modern day helicopter, and designed a modified sheep-shearing handpiece which was widely used.  
Mr Uniapon contributed to the wider understanding of his people by writing *Legendary Tales of the Australian Aborigines*. In the mid-1950s he was commissioned by the University of Adelaide to assemble a book on Indigenous Australian stories. His stories are varied and rich with detail, navigating the routine and the ritual. Chronicles about everyday activities such as hunting and sport are interspersed with stories about marriage customs and Creation.  
Mr Unaipon's writings also reveal a man that used his craft to alert and educate White Australia. He is considered to be a master of English and a gifted writer and is today celebrated as the first Australian Aboriginal author to be published in English.  
I have had a look at the at the backgrounds of people

that electorates are named after, there are very few named for scientists (a rough count suggests 5) and very few named for authors (also probably less than 5). If he wasn't Aboriginal he would be a fitting person to name an electorate for, by renaming Barker to Unaipon not only do we recognise a fitting Australian but we also recognise an Aboriginal man and a South Australian.

Collet Barker wasn't a South Australian and seems to have only been travelling through South Australia on his way to somewhere else.

I ask the redistribution people to have some guts and rename Barker to Unaipon.

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