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Details: Renaming of Grey electorate to O'Donoghue. I strongly support this proposed renaming. Dr O'Donoghue was a major public official in Australia having been head of ATSIC. Recognition of this has been made publicly by many people including former Prime Minister Paul Keating who worked with Dr O'Donoghue during the Mabo considerations. She was also a major force for good in her local community having been a longtime member of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group in suburban Adelaide. She was centarilly involved in the development of the Colebrook Reconciliation Park in Eden Hills SA which was established in late 1990s on the site where there had been a home for children of the Stolen Generation and where Dr O'Donoghue herself was a long term resident as a child and teenager. I came to know Dr O'Donoghue in my involvement with that park and have strong admiration for her as a person and as a public official. The proposed renaming of this electorate is particularly appropriate given that it includes the area where Dr O'Donoghue was born, a fact that she only found out later in her life.
Yours sincerely
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