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Dear Staff at AEC,

I wish to register an objection to renaming the seat of Grey in South Australia as O'Donaghue.

One of the admirable objectives in renaming electoral seats is to use Aboriginal names.

However, O'Donaghue is an Irish name not an Aboriginal name.

Moreover, it is the name of Lowitja's father, Thomas O'Donoghue who, though he lived with Lily, Lowitja's mother, took Lowitja to the United Aborigines Mission to be raised in an orphanage in 1937 along with two sisters. He had also taken two earlier siblings in 1927 to the same place. He did this while married to a white woman with whom he lived and had a family in Adelaide.

There is no way any of the actions by this man warrant the honour of being named in an electorate. It could not be more different from the way his daughter Lowitja chose to live her life.

To pay respect and homage to what Lowitja did with her life, and to honour and electorate with Aboriginal names, it should be named with her first name, Lowitja.

Please pay attention to these details and adjust the name of the electorate appropriately.

Yours faithfully,

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