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## Submission on the proposed South Australian redistribution details

**Category:** Names

**Details:** I wish to support the proposal to rename Grey to O'Donoghue. Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue was a remarkable Yankunytjatjara woman, South Australian and Australian - as described in this detailed biography: <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/odonoghue-lowitja-34124>

The naming of the electorate in honour of Dr O'Donoghue has special significance to me as a member of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group, a group with a significant connection to Colebrook Reconciliation Park - the site in Eden Hills where Dr O'Donoghue lived. As a regular visitor to Colebrook Reconciliation Park, I am reminded that many Aboriginal children were taken from their homes (in Dr O'Donoghue's case, the APY lands) and forced to live away from family and culture.

Equally, I support the electorate no longer being named Grey. George Grey, who is the electorate was named after, only had passing connection to South Australia (Governor for less than five year) and who instituted legislation (the Aboriginal Witnesses Act) that allowed truth telling by Aboriginal people about massacres to be dismissed ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Grey#Governor\\_of\\_South\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Grey#Governor_of_South_Australia)).

Thank you for responding favourably to the proposal to rename Grey to O'Donoghue. I fully support this proposal and look forward to it being instituted.

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