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My comments are more of an observation and a concern - I assume the redistribution is based on an unbiased response of growth and projections for voting populations in the various electorates. However why would you propose to change the name of the Grey electorate to the surname of an indigenous activist. This follows the renaming of two other electorates to assumed Aboriginal names (Ngadjuri & Narungga) - these "names" are unpronounceable to most voters. Electorate names become known to voters over time and they associate themselves belonging to that region. The origin of the name is ultimately not known to later generations but simple common English speaking names are easily recalled by voters. There is no associated history in electorate names to indigenous history since electorates are a Western (Westminster) political construct. Common sense needs to prevail.
