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, Margot - Redistribution SA - Submission on the proposed South Australian redistribution

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Details: Name an electorate for Sir Robert Helpmann!
Watching TV with the family recently and we came across Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Now while its notable for starring Dick Van Dyke, was based on a novel by Ian Flemming and has a screenplay by Roald Dahl, what really stood out for us was Robert Helpmann.
This man was born in Mount Gambier, in the heart of Barker electorate. Would it not be inspiring to name the electorate for someone other than an explorer who seems to have spent his time in at least three other parts of the country?
Helpmann was a world-renown, Australian born ballet dancer, actor, choreographer and theatre director. He appeared on stage in the plays of Shakespeare, Shaw, Coward and Sarte and directed plays, opera, musicals and pantomime. As well as creating new ballets for the Australian Ballet, he was both co-director and director for this world famous company for more than 10 years.
Whats important here for someone who was world famous is that he came back and shared his talent with Australians!
Helpmanns contribution to Australias artistic life included his direction of the Adelaide Festival.
Following Helpmanns death, the Prime Minister, Bob Hawke said in the House of Representatives, "No one should underestimate Sir Robert Helpmann's role in the development of the growing maturity of Australia's art and culture. ... He demonstrated to the world the diversity of this nation's talents and capabilities." Following a standing silence in the Senate, Senator Stan Collard said He put this country

on the map in the cultural arena He was one of our
great ambassadors.
Be brave redistribution people, call an electorate
after a dancer who contributed to Australia, a lot!
