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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I write to object to the retention of the name “Mayo” for the Division of Mayo and to propose that the electorate be renamed in honour of Marjorie Tripp AO.

While I acknowledge and respect the contribution of [Helen Mary Mayo](#), I submit there is a strong and compelling case to recognise Marjorie Tripp AO in a way that reflects both the contemporary electorate and the principles outlined by the [Australian Electoral Commission](#) for naming divisions.

Marjorie Tripp AO was a highly respected Ramindjeri Elder with a deep and enduring connection to Country across the Fleurieu Peninsula, which sits at the heart of the Division of Mayo. Her lifelong connection to Victor Harbor and Ramindjeri Country represents a direct and meaningful alignment between the electorate and its name.

At the age of 17, she became the first Aboriginal woman to serve in the [Women’s Royal Australian Naval Service](#). She went on to dedicate more than 40 years to advancing Aboriginal health, aged care, and community leadership at both state and national levels.

She played a foundational role in establishing key organisations and initiatives, including the [Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute](#), the Council of Aboriginal Elders of South Australia, and the Aboriginal Elders Village. She also served as National Chair of NAIDOC and contributed significantly to national policy and advocacy.

Marjorie Tripp AO was also a strong advocate for recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. As Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee, she led the delivery of the memorial at [Torrens Parade Ground](#), ensuring lasting national recognition of Indigenous service personnel.

Her distinguished service has been recognised through numerous honours, including two Australia Day Medals, the Centenary Medal, the Gladys Elphick Award, and her appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2014. More recently, her legacy has been recognised through the naming of the Older Persons Ward at [Flinders Medical Centre](#) in her honour.

The proposed redistribution further centres the Division of Mayo on the Fleurieu Peninsula, strengthening its alignment with Ramindjeri Country. In this context, naming the electorate after Marjorie Tripp AO would more accurately reflect the cultural, historical, and geographic identity of the area.

While there is a general preference to retain existing names, I submit that this is a circumstance where change is justified. Renaming the Division of Mayo would recognise a nationally significant Aboriginal woman with a direct and enduring connection to the electorate and contribute to a more representative and inclusive naming framework.

I respectfully request that the Redistribution Committee reconsider the proposed retention of the name “Mayo” and give full consideration to renaming the electorate in honour of Marjorie Tripp AO.

Yours sincerely,

