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Renaming the 'Gellibrand' electorate 'Kirner'

I am contacting the AEC as I believe that it would be fitting to replace the name of any new electorate roughly in the region of 'Gellibrand' with a new name 'Kirner'. There are already plenty of historical reminders of the name Gellibrand (Pt Gellibrand, Gellibrand River, etc), and there is no close geographical connection with the electorate carrying his name. There is much in our early history of the treatment of aborigines throughout Victoria to be ashamed of and Gellibrand is undoubtedly implicated in their mistreatment. That the Port Phillip Association's 'agreement' with the local aborigines was illegal is sufficient to cast a dark shadow over his legacy.

In contrast, Joan Kirner was a person who was closely associated with the Williamstown area and who made a lasting contribution to many aspects of Victoria life. Her early death was I suspect a result of her selfless contribution to helping other Victorians. I would urge you to change the name of this electorate to 'Kirner' at the first opportunity.

Sincerely

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