



Objection 31

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Dear Committee Members,


I would like to object to the proposal of name change of the Division of Corangamite to Tucker.

The name "Corangamite" is a traditional name of the Division and represents the Aboriginal heritage of the Division which is dear to all residents of the Division. It is immediately recognisable as a name which belongs to the culture of the First Nation on the Bellarine Peninsula. Without prejudice to its carrier, the name "Tucker" is not immediately associated with native culture but with Anglo-Irish culture. Although it is to be recognised as a multicultural Division, it is difficult to see how multiculturalism is served by the abolition of a recognizable Aboriginal name for one which is not recognizable as an Aboriginal name.

It would be better to honour Margaret Tucker with a separate monument or memorial on the Bellarine Peninsula and to set her in the current context of the women's movement and health. Since Geelong is the national capital of the NDIS, it would be appropriate to set Maraget Tucker's achievements in that specific context to raise its profile and to open up the prospect of more services for the protection of health and family in the Aboriginal communities in the Division of Corangamite.

Your sincerely,

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