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Suggestion for the 2020-21 Victorian Redistribution

Dear Australian Electoral Commission

I would like to suggest a name for the new electoral division to be created for the Victorian House of Representatives:

- Margaret (Lilardia) Elizabeth Tucker (1904-1966), also known as Auntie Marge
- Author, campaigner and community worker

Margaret was from the stolen generation and was a founding member of the Australian Aborigine's League, campaigning for indigenous rights in the 1930s. She was an integral part of the "Day of Mourning". Post Second World War she took up the fight for full citizenship rights and equal opportunity.

Tucker was the first Aboriginal woman appointed to the Aborigines Welfare Board (Victoria), 1964, and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, 1968.

She was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 1 January 1968 for services to the Aboriginal community.

Margaret's biography and some information on her life is noted here:

<https://ia.anu.edu.au/biography/tucker-margaret-elizabeth-auntie-marge-1556>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/people/566144?c=people>

<https://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/IMP0093b.htm>

I understand that only 11% of the federal electoral seats are named after women (and I'm assuming a lesser percentage for indigenous persons), therefore it would be appropriate to prioritise the seat to be named after a woman and an indigenous one at that.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal for Margaret Elizabeth Tucker, or I would also support any other prominent female aboriginal person nominated.

Yours Sincerely,
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