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Suggested name for electorate in Victoria after redistribution

I think it would be most appropriate if any one of the new electorates were named after Margaret Lilardia Tucker, who was one of the earliest campaigners for Aboriginal civil rights. Aunty Marg, as she was known, was a very important figure in 20th century political life who worked alongside activists William Cooper and Pastor Doug Nicholls, both of whom have had electorates named after them.

Australian women have been virtually ignored historically for their contributions to politics in particular, but in many other fields as well. Only 11% of House of Representatives seats are named after an individual woman and only six electorates are named after a First Nation's woman.

The AEC has the opportunity to address this long-standing injustice to Australian Women and I strongly urge those making the decisions to address this situation. Respectfully,

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