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Hello,

This proposal to name the new electoral division of 'Bean' is not in my view a sound change for the better.

Beans contribution to the recorded history of WWI from a Australian Perspective was with doubt worthwhile.

He was a complex individual and a man of his time with all its associated prejudices i.e. his campaign to have John Monash replaced by a lesser military leader.

Bean represented the born to rule class of the upper middle class of his time and told many falsehoods re the marvellous deeds of Australian soldiers.

The myths he perpetuated still exist with us today aka the invincible Aussie that played with a straight bat to the opposition.

Bean's work with the Australian War Memorial and the Commonwealth Archives Committee could be looked on as self serving exercise in spin control.

When the general public become fully aware of C W Bean's history, they too will find the name fraught with a distractive negativism.

I hope you will consider this as constructive as I believe we can do better.

Thank you're for your time

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