



# Objection 2

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**Subject:** Please change the name of the Batman electorate.  
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To whom it may concern,

I live in Melbourne, where there is an electorate named after John Batman, who made his fortune as a bounty hunter in Van Diemen's land, catching and killing Aboriginal people.

I don't think it's appropriate to name a federal electorate after someone like that, and it turns out I'm not alone. As part of the AEC's periodic review of electorate names and boundaries, a whole slew of groups made submissions recommending the name be changed: the Wurundjeri Land Council, Reconciliation Victoria, Yarra and Darebin Councils, and the Victorian branches of both the Greens and the ALP.

Please reconsider your rejection of this name change. It's hugely offensive and demoralising to the First Nations people of this country. We must do better.

Thanks  
Remy